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TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)  
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK  
OO: SE

Re Seattle nitel to Portland dated 12/15/71.

Referenced communication requested that Portland develop background information concerning suspect [REDACTED]. To date, Seattle has not received results of that investigation. Portland is requested to forward results to the Seattle Division.

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: DECEMBER 27, 1973

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TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)  
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)  
SUBJECT: TORJAK  
(OO: Seattle)

RE: 

Re Portland teletype to Seattle dated December 2, 1971.

Referenced communication advised Portland would contact , suspect  ex-wife, for further information concerning suspect. To date Seattle has not received results of that investigation. Portland Division is requested to forward results to Seattle Division.

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R. H. H.

Approved: *Jem*

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)(P)

DATE: 12/27/73

FROM : SC [redacted]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

[redacted] (Protect), [redacted]  
Oregon, [redacted] telephonically contacted Portland Office  
at 4:43 p.m. <sup>12-27-73</sup> this date to report the following:

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[redacted] age [redacted] present  
address [redacted] Portland, Oregon [redacted]  
[redacted] while they were attending  
[redacted] Oregon.

Sometime between 1962 and 1963, [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] has not seen or heard from [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] even heard that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] further stated that [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] described [redacted] as age [redacted] 5'9" -  
5'10", [redacted]. Also, the artist's conception  
was very close [redacted] looks except [redacted]  
smaller than photo published and complexion is a little  
different. [redacted] said [redacted].

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[redacted] requested that he be contacted by the FBI  
Agent who covers the [redacted] area, as he would like to  
discuss above matter in detail. He said [redacted]  
[redacted] during the day but if he had any  
notification of the Agent being in [redacted] on a certain date,  
he would make himself available.

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Indices neg. re [redacted] and [redacted]

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan





[redacted]  
[redacted] OR [redacted]  
December 29, 1973

[redacted], Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Portland, OR

Dear [redacted];

To briefly introduce myself, let me say that [redacted]  
[redacted]. During most of  
that time, I served in the capacity of [redacted]  
[redacted]

I do not have a telephone or I would have contacted you in that manner.

I believe that I may have information which could prove useful in the investigation and search for "D. B. Cooper". I have given this matter a good deal of deliberation before making the decision to write this letter. This deliberation spanned nearly a year, and perhaps, a good deal of that time was spent in watchful waiting with the hopes that Cooper would be found or caught. There is still a good deal of anxiety on my part---if I am wrong, I sincerely hope that this will have been handled in such a way as not to have adversely effected the person that I believe may be Cooper.

I would greatly prefer giving this information to you in person, or to one of the Agents there that I would remember, and I would prefer to do this in the privacy of my home. I, also, trust that you will keep this correspondence completely confidential within your agency.

Thanking you for your patience and cooperation, and looking forward to hearing from you, I remain---

Sincerely  
[redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 1/2/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re memo of SA [REDACTED] 12/6/73.

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On 12/18/73, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Salem, Oregon, furnished a photograph of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] for assistance in this investigation.

[REDACTED] requested that a copy of the  
photograph be made by the FBI and the original be re-  
turned to her by mail.

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE  
FROM: SAC, WFO (164-169) (P)  
NORJAK/  
(OO: SE)

On 1/3/74 [redacted]  
Rockville, Maryland, telephonically contacted WFO requesting  
that a list of twenty dollar bills still outstanding in  
connection with captioned matter be sent to [redacted].  
[redacted] The Dalles, Oregon. She stated  
that this request was prompted by recent publicity appearing  
in the Oregon Journal stating that such a list was avail-  
able through local FBI Offices and a visit to [redacted]  
[redacted] who related captioned matter to her. She stated  
that neither [redacted] are in possession of any  
suspect twenty dollar bills nor do either have any infor-  
mation concerning caption matter and the list was merely  
being requested as matter of curiosity.

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The above information is being furnished the  
Portland and Seattle Divisions since the office of origin  
may deem it advisable for [redacted] to be interviewed to determine  
the basis for his interest in captioned matter.

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Dec. 3, 1972

FBI

Please send a listing  
of serial numbers on the  
\$20.00 bills that was listed  
by D. B. Cooper.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature block]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted] *James*

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current source*

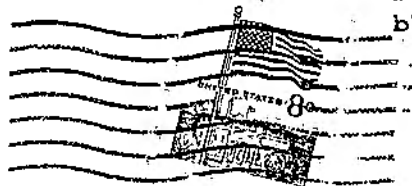
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F.B.I.  
Portland, Oregon  
97200

DB Cooper-42907

Post Office Box 709  
Portland, Oregon 97207

December 27, 1973

[redacted]  
[redacted] Kansas [redacted]

Dear [redacted]:

Thank you for your letter of December 3, 1973, requesting a copy of the list of ransom bills paid to the Northwest Airlines hijacker on November 24, 1971.

I am sorry we do not have a sufficient supply of copies of the list to permit me to send you one. However, each Division Office of the FBI has been furnished a copy, and the serial numbers of all the ransom bills have been entered into the National Crime Information Center computer. Most police departments have access to this computer and can quickly check numbers of any suspected bills. Your local police department in [redacted] has a terminal connected to the computer.

I hope this will help.

Very truly yours,

J. L. MATTSON  
Special Agent in Charge

1-addressee  
1-Portland(164-41)

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DB Cooper-42908

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription December 26, 1973

[redacted] was advised of the identity of SA [redacted], and that this interview concerned his locating a parachute in the mountains near Sheridan, Oregon. [redacted] is employed by the [redacted], State of Oregon Military Department, 2150 Fairground Roads, Salem, Oregon [redacted] telephone [redacted]. His residence is [redacted] Salem, Oregon [redacted] telephone [redacted].

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He advised he saw a parachute hanging over a large fallen tree, approximately December 1, 1973, while deer hunting. It was located near the [redacted] which is [redacted] of Sheridan, Oregon.

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The parachute was retrieved by SA [redacted] and [redacted] and the immediate area was searched for evidence of a body or other gear. There was no evidence located in the near vicinity. The parachute was maintained in the custody of SA [redacted] and returned to FBI Office, Portland, Oregon.

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Interviewed on 12/11/73 at Sheridan, Oregon File # PD 164-41 - 1343

by SA [redacted] :laa *PO* Date dictated 12/18/73

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

1/10/74

SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

NORJAK

[REDACTED]

-164-41-4(51)

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Re Seattle airtel to Portland, dated 12/27/73.

On 12/16/71, SA [REDACTED] determined through contact with [REDACTED] Medford Oregon, that suspect [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] then for sale. [REDACTED] who is personally acquainted [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was at that time, and had been at the time of the hijacking in this matter, employed and residing in Ecuador. Sale [REDACTED] was being attempted by [REDACTED].

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By suitable pretext in connection with the availability of [REDACTED], SA [REDACTED] verified through [REDACTED] Gold Hill, Oregon, telephone [REDACTED] his presence in Ecuador.

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In addition, [REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED] physical description differed widely with that of Unsub, both by age and by height.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

1/10/74

SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

NORJAK

RE: [redacted]

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Re Seattle airtel to Portland, dated 12/27/73.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Hood River, Oregon:

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On 12/22/71, Sheriff RUBERT GILLMOUTHE (NA), Hood River County Sheriff's Office, Hood River, Oregon, advised he is familiar with all of the [redacted]. He advised all [redacted] reside in Hood River and [redacted].

[redacted] He advised that none of [redacted] resemble the sky-jacker in any way. He further advised that [redacted] has been or was in Europe during the time of sky-jacking and has just returned.

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On 12/22/71, [redacted] Hood River, advised the business is currently [redacted]. He advised [redacted] reside in Hood River. He further advised that [redacted] owns a 1970 Chrysler, four-door, bearing Oregon license [redacted]. From approximately 11/25/71 to about 12/14/71, [redacted] was in Europe [redacted] vacation. During this time, [redacted] left his Chrysler parked at the Portland International Airport in the long-term parking lot.

[redacted] exhibited a current photo of [redacted] [redacted] in no way fits the description of the described hijacker.

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Mrs. Mattson

a few weeks ago while  
reading these two publications,  
the image in Time  
startled me. I have  
been reluctant to act  
because of the absurdity  
-but the thought still  
rages me. I've even  
thought that the money  
may be in a vacuum  
cleaner bag. So for a  
10<sup>6</sup> long shot, the two  
pictures are enclosed  
for your review.

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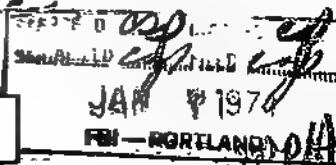
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Respectfully,  
[Redacted]

Phone - [Redacted]

DB Cooper-42912



Handwritten signature/initials

# NW hijacker, \$200,000 vanishes

## 'Dan Cooper's' fate still a mystery

By LEVERETT RICHARDS  
of The Oregonian staff

Dan Cooper, where are you?

Nobody knows. The fate of this first high-jumping hijacker remains one of the most baffling mysteries on the books. After two years of intensive searching, the FBI, says it hasn't a single clue of any kind.

"We really know nothing more today than we did 11 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 24, 1971," Julius Mattson, FBI special agent in charge at Portland, said this week.

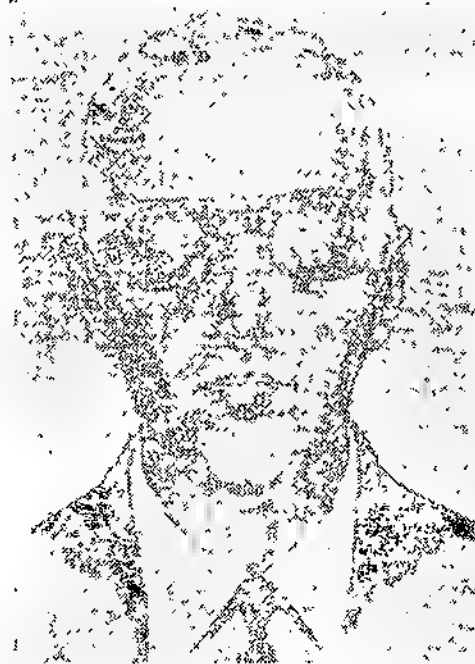
When the man called Cooper parachuted from the rear of a Boeing 727 somewhere south of Woodland, Wash., sometime after 8:10 p.m. that dark and stormy night he simply vanished. So did the \$200,000 in \$20 bills that he carried in a laundry bag.

The FBI doesn't even know if Dan Cooper ever existed. That's the name he gave when he bought a one-way ticket to Seattle at Northwest Airlines' ticket counter in Portland from Dennis Lyne about an hour before he boarded NWA's Flight 305. (The name D. B. Cooper was an error never corrected by most of the press.)

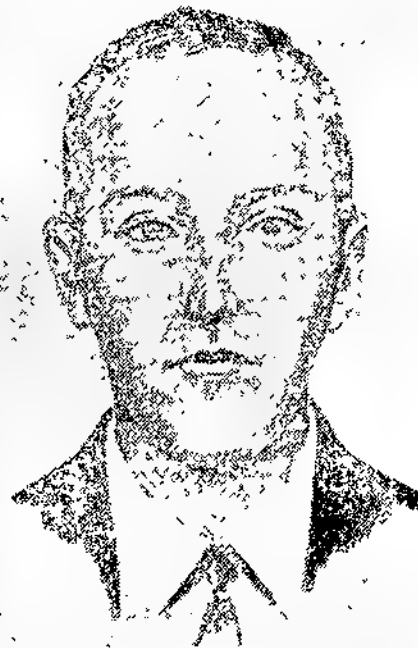
The rest is history, and mystery. At Seattle he took 10,000 \$20 bills and two sets of parachutes. He opened the rear door of the Boeing 727 soon after takeoff, which caused a red light to come on in the cockpit.

Nothing was heard from him until 8:10 p.m. when the plane was just crossing the Lewis River near Woodland. William Scott thought the hijacker was having trouble with the stairs and asked him on the interphone, "Anything we can do for you?"

Then the light came on indicating the stairs were fully



MYSTERY MAN — FBI is still looking for man called Dan Cooper on second anniversary of hijacking of airliner. He



was middle-aged, of middle height, with swarthy complexion, dressed in brown suit, white shirt, black tie and raincoat.

extended. A few seconds later the hijacker came on the interphone and said, "No."

That's the last the crew heard from him. Crewmen thought he was still aboard when they landed at Reno, Nev., with the stairs partly extended about 10:30 p.m. But he wasn't. Neither was the money nor one set of parachutes.

There was no transmitter on the parachute Cooper used. That device was invented later. Yet the FBI, using Northwest Airlines computers, concluded Cooper had jumped immediately after answering the interphone. They figured the heavy wind from a winter storm would have blown him to the vicinity of Ariel near Lake Merwin.

Late in March, 1972, 300

soldiers from Ft. Lewis combed the area on foot and with helicopters for 18 days, without finding a trace of Cooper, "although we did find a body and cleared up a local murder," Mattson said.

Air Force paramedics say Cooper had little chance of surviving. He was clad only in a business suit and street shoes, which probably would have been snapped off his feet by the opening shock of the parachute at 200 miles an hour.

He apparently didn't know his route of flight or elevation and could have had no idea where he was.

He would have had to fall through two layers of storm clouds into a black night.

Cooper apparently did wear gloves. No fingerprints were found on the airplane

and he carefully reclaimed his hijack note from the flight crew.

In fact, the FBI doesn't know to this day if there ever was a Dan Cooper. Hundreds of people reported they knew the man after seeing the posters put out by the FBI.

"We investigate every report and so far have proved that the various men reported to be Cooper could not have been the man who hijacked Flight 305," Mattson said.

"We have no physical evidence to go on except the \$20 bills. We have circulated the numbers on all 10,000 of them far and wide, but no one has ever turned up," Mattson said.

But the Cooper case is not closed, "not by any means."

Reports are still being investigated, Mattson said.

Are you satisfied he is not hanging from a tree somewhere in the Ariel area?

"No," said Mattson, "the terrain is just too rugged in a couple of places to be thoroughly searched on the ground, although we have gone over it by helicopter."

"And there is still the possibility he may have landed in Lake Merwin, which is too deep to drag and too deep for skin divers to search. Besides its 30 miles long and nearly a mile wide."

FBI open-minded

What is the FBI's guess as to his fate?

"We are keeping an open mind, for lack of evidence either way — that he is alive or dead," Mattson concluded.

The whole route of Flight 305 from Woodland south to Red Bluff and direct to Reno, Nev., has been "substantially searched" without finding a clue of any kind, Mattson said.

"But we are still working as hard on the case now as we were two years ago."

Northwest Airlines, which offered a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the solution of the mystery last fall has cancelled the reward, a spokesman in Minneapolis said.

Cooper's coup — although it may have cost his life — was followed by a rash of similar hijackings, until the rear door of the 727s were locked in flight. There hasn't been a domestic hijacking of any kind, according to the Federal Aviation Administration, in the past year.

The Cooper hijacking is the only one unsolved to this day, Benjamin Davis Jr., assistant secretary of Transportation, says.

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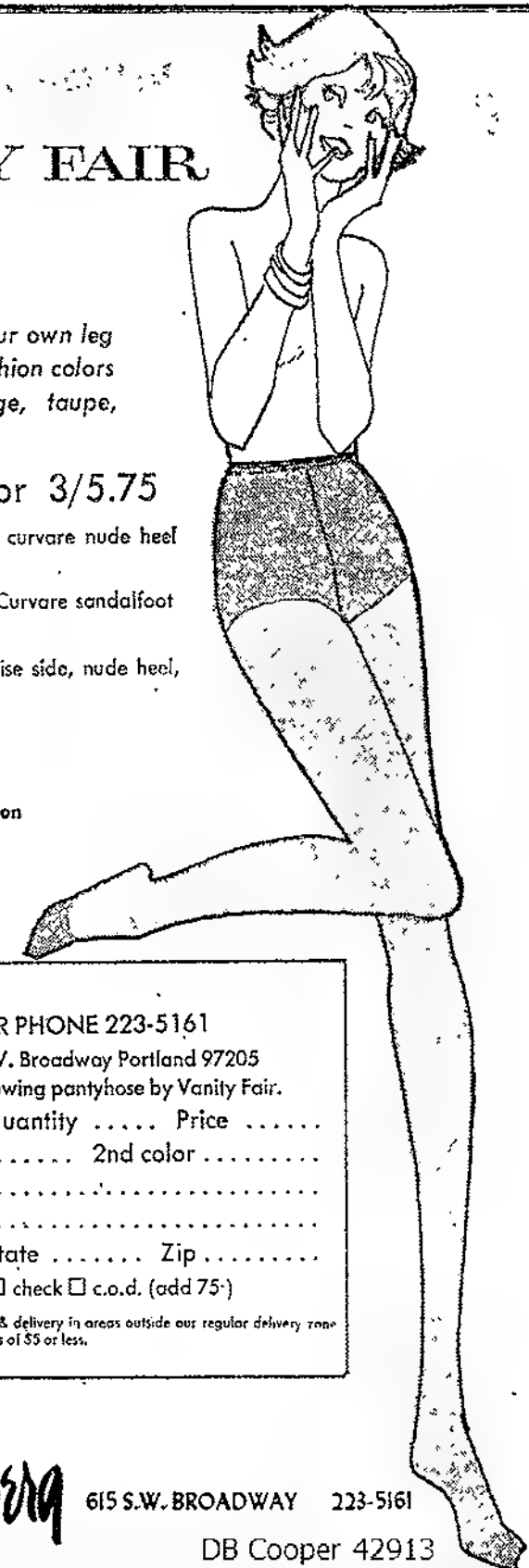
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## Air passenger carrying liquor gives Oregon right to seize jet

By HARRY BODINE  
of The Oregonian staff

If an Oregonian flies home from Reno with a case of beer, should the Oregon Liquor Control Commission seize the plane that hauled the contraband?

It may come as a shock to the airlines, but the OLCC believes that under Oregon law it has the clout to seize the "vehicle" whether it is a private auto or other transportation.

The liquor commission has no plans to seize an airplane, but its inspectors are looking over incoming luggage at Portland International Airport these days to determine how much illegal liquor and beer is coming into the state.

Oregon residents are allowed to bring up to one quart into the state.

The three-member commission reviewed priorities in liquor law enforcement at its monthly meeting this week in Milwaukie.

OLCC staff told the panel the problem of wholesalers giving financial assistance to retailers was "rampant" and getting worse. It is illegal, but hard to detect.

Financial assistance can be offered — as an inducement to carry or "push" a wholesaler's brands in several ways, the OLCC staff explained.

State law and regulations require complete records of all alcoholic beverages sold and distributed in Oregon.

The OLCC staff explained it is circumvented by a distributor selling 10 barrels of beer or 10 cases of a beverage and then delivering 11, recording the excess under "breakage."

A major item of discussion in the OLCC review was the licensing of "service permittees," the bartenders and waitresses working in licensed establishments serving the public.

Don Church, director of licensing for the commission, said the OLCC has a major administrative task keeping track of 38,000 persons in the field.

The commission now collects a \$1 license fee from the service permittees "and that's about all," Church noted.

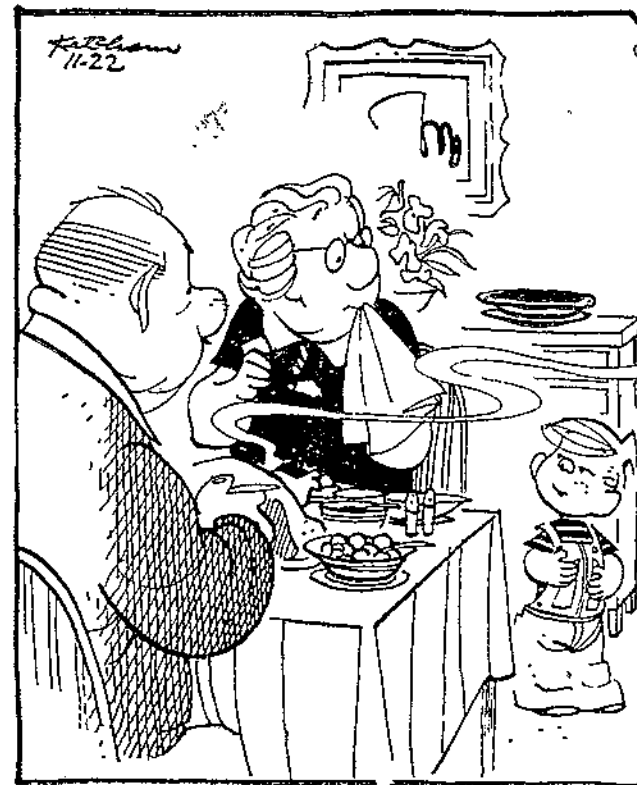
Administration of the service permittees has eroded, he said. Because of the economics involved, the system in Oregon "isn't the best."

"We are not assuring the tavern owner of good moral character in perspective employees," he added.

Anyone working in a tavern or bar needs the state permit in order to work.

Since the state does have the right to suspend a permit it possibly does serve as a deterrent against an employee violating OLCC regulations and state law, said Kenneth Underdahl, OLCC administrator.

## Dennis the menace



"I CAN'T EVEN LOOK AT ANOTHER TURKEY RIGHT NOW. I MIGHT JUST GLANCE AT A PIECE OF THAT PUMPKIN PIE, THOUGH."

## Won't talk

# Saudi prince lives in Portland

By WAYNE THOMPSON  
of The Oregonian staff

While Saudi Arabia has commanded attention by controlling the tap for an oil-thirsty world, an engaging 18-year-old student has been winding up his term at Lewis and Clark College without fanfare.

He is Prince Saud al-Saud, the eldest son of Prince Naif bin Abdul Aziz, the vice minister of interior in the country that dictates oil fuel destinies for the Western world.

Prince Saud has been in Portland since September, enrolled in Lewis and Clark's institute for the study of American language and culture.

He has taken three courses in the program and took his last final Tuesday morning prior to returning to Saudi Arabia for the holidays.

The young prince, a nephew of King Faisal, declined an interview with the Ore-

gonian, making it clear to school officials he was in Portland as a student, not as a member of the 2,500-member Saud royal family.

"He is a personable young man who has adjusted well to the American culture," said a Lewis and Clark spokesman who concurred in Prince Saud's desire to avoid publicity.

The prince, one of seven Saudi students enrolled at L&C, rented an apartment near the campus during the term and, reportedly, was accompanied by a non-English speaking friend, a manservant.

Lewis and Clark's international program this fall drew 20 fulltime students and seven parttime students from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Japan, Cambodia and Taiwan.

Since the crisis erupted in the Middle East, followed by the oil boycott imposed by Saudi Arabia, Prince Saud and the Saudi government

have been concerned with security, as has been the school administration.

Lewis and Clark has what many feel is an excellent relationship with exchange students from Arab countries and Prince Saud has been an outstanding addition to the student body, officials said.

The prince, reportedly, achieved the anonymity he sought during his stay in Portland, motoring about town in American dress in a Datsun 240-Z sports car.

According to one source, he had to leave in London his Italian Maserati sports car.

Prince Saud is expected to return to Portland in six weeks for another term, resuming the role he prefers — the quiet, clandestine life of a serious student.

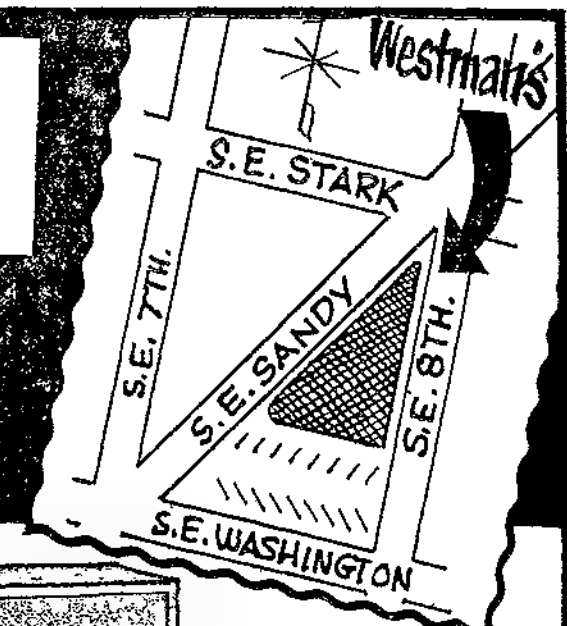
His is the story of the Student Prince, played to international music. He left Portland this week for his native land as quietly as he came.

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January 10, 1974

[redacted]  
Tigard, Oregon [redacted]

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Dear [redacted]:

Thank you for your letter enclosing the clippings  
from "The Oregonian" and from "Time" magazine.

You may be sure your thoughtfulness in bringing  
your observations to our attention is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. L. MATTSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 1/7/73

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

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On 1/2/74, [REDACTED], Electro Painters, Incorporated, 2344 N. W. 24th, Portland, Oregon, telephone 227-6521, called the Portland Division and provided the following information:

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[REDACTED] advised that he has become suspicious of an employee of his named MATTHEW ROSE, who is also using the name MATTHEW EASTERBROOK. [REDACTED] advised that ROSE told him that ROSE was his true name, and that EASTERBROOK was his adopted name.

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[REDACTED] advised that he feels that ROSE could be wanted somewhere due to the fact that he is using two names.

[REDACTED] stated that he believes that ROSE fits the description of D. B. COOPER. [REDACTED] advised that ROSE claims to have been a Navy pilot for nine years in the Reserves, and has a valid pilot license. [REDACTED] stated that he has not been able to verify whether EASTERBROOK is in fact a pilot because EASTERBROOK is evasive and tells [REDACTED] that if he wants to find out if he can fly or not, he should take a flight with him.

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[REDACTED] also of Electro Painters, Incorporated, were shown an artist's conception of D. B. COOPER, and they advised that EASTERBROOK does look quite similar to the picture. [REDACTED] provided xerox copies of EASTERBROOK's employment application, which are being made a part of this memo.

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On 1/2/74, writer observed ROSE at his place of employment and engaged him in casual conversation regarding aviation. ROSE advised that he had undergone flight training at Pensacola, Florida during the 1950's, and admitted to having flown numerous types of aircraft while in the Navy. ROSE advised that he had flown jets, props, helicopters, and all types of aircraft as a

②-Portland



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ROSE DOES NOT  
FIT DESCRIPTION

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result of attending Class A School in the Navy. ROSE advised that he could not discuss in detail what he had learned at Class A School due to the fact that it was classified Highly Secret. ROSE admitted to being employed by North American Rockwell and also flying the U-2 spy plane. ROSE stated that at one time during a test hop of the T288B he pulled 17 G's without any effect to himself or the aircraft. ROSE admitted that he has undergone parachute training and has made numerous jumps while he was in the service.

While ROSE appeared to be knowledgeable of the general aspects of aviation, his information regarding aviation was very vague and general.

The following description of ROSE was obtained through personal observation and a review of his employment application:

Name	MATTHEW H. ROSE
Alias	MATTHEW H. EASTERBROOK
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of birth	7/12/36
Place of birth	Wise, Virginia
Height	5'6"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown(thinning on top, parted left to right, earlobe length sideburns, graying at temples)
Eyes	Bluish-brown
Scars and marks	A mole on right cheek, 1 inch scar on left upper lip
Oregon driver's license number	1926306

NCIC, CCH, and Portland indices negative regarding ROSE under his true name and alias.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS



# NEW EMPLOYEE CHECK LIST

Name Ma Ffnew Easterbrook Branch Portland Dated Started Work 11-30-73

Rate of Pay: \$ 3.50 Hr. \$ — Sal. Variable (Semi-Mo) \$ — Sal. Fixed (Semi-Mo)

Check to be sent home? — Hold at Branch? ✓ Other instructions? —

Subject to review? 30 days Accident Insurance Card Completed ✓

Group Insurance Explained? ✓ Card Completed? yes Declined? ✓ W-4 Completed ✓

Time Card Explained? ✓ Travel Pay Explained? ✓ Uniform Deduction Explained? ✓

No Competition Agreement Signed? ✓ Given Employee R ✓

Date Hired? 11-30-73

Hired by

(This form must be completed and forwarded along with all cards on all new employees to home office.)

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Form **W-4**  
(Rev. Aug. 1972)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate

(This certificate is for income tax withholding purposes  
only; it will remain in effect until you change it.)

Type or print your full name

MARK H. EASTERBROOK

Home address (Number and street or rural route)

P.O. Box 950 BEAVERTON

City or town State and ZIP code

BEAVERTON OREGON

Your social security number

557-46-8529

Marital status

☐ Single ☒ Married

(If married but legally separated, or wife  
(husband) is a nonresident alien, check the  
single block.)

1 Total number of allowances you are claiming

4

2 Additional amount, if any, you want deducted from each pay (If your employer agrees)

\$

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the number of withholding allowances claimed on this certificate does not exceed the  
number to which I am entitled.

Signature

Mark H. Easterbrook

Date

11/30/73

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# EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

Date: 11/30/73

Name MATTHEW (MACK) H. EASTERBROOK

Age 37 Ph. No. 238-1841

Address P.O. Box 950

Date of Birth 7/12/36

City & State BEAVER TON OK-6-

Soc. Sec. No. 557-46-5529

Single ☒ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐ Zip 74601

Place of Birth WISC. VIRGINIA

Employed, are you living with spouse? NO Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Their ages \_\_\_\_\_ Own or rent RENT

Do you live with your parents? NO Telephone number given is in whose name? \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name L. C. EASTERBROOK Address SOON CITY ARIZONA

Mother's name VIVIAN ALICE EASTERBROOK Address " "

When did you take 1972 SDPS Drivers Lic. No. 1926306

Do you have a friend or relative working for this company? NO Name \_\_\_\_\_

Do you drink any alcoholic beverages? NO If so, how much per week? none

Regarding minor traffic law violations, have you ever been arrested? NO If yes, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_

Offense charged? \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition of charges? \_\_\_\_\_

## PHYSICAL RECORD

Any physical defects? None

Are you ever injured? YES Give details AUTO ACCIDENT NOT SERIOUS CUTS WHILE REPAIRING CAR

Height 5'8" Weight 155 Pants size? 34 29 Shirt size? Sm (Med) L XL

Person to notify in emergency \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ b6 b7C

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (PORTLAND) Ph. No. \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPLOYMENT RECORD

Are you employed now? NO How long off work? 2 days Last rate of pay? 5.24 Rate per hr

Name of present or most recent employer	From	To	Total Months
<u>KENOWS Foods INC.</u>	<u>1</u> 19 <u>73</u>	<u>11/24</u> 19 <u>73</u>	<u>10</u>

Name of next previous employer	From	To	Total Months
<u>OKI INC. ELP.</u>	<u>11</u> 19 <u>69</u>	<u>12</u> 19 <u>72</u>	<u>25</u>

Name of next previous employer	From	To	Total Months
<u>FRONTIER HERRFORD RANCH</u>	<u>11/59</u> 19 <u>69</u>	<u>12</u> 19 <u>69</u>	<u>121</u>

Name of next previous employer	From	To	Total Months
<u>Kellogg's PAINT Co.</u>	<u>11</u> 19 <u>51</u>	<u>12</u> 19 <u>58</u>	<u>76</u>

Reason for leaving your last job \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving your last job \_\_\_\_\_  
 DB Cooper-42921  
 over \_\_\_\_\_  
 for details \_\_\_\_\_  
 suggested that I should not \_\_\_\_\_  
 caused the much more off \_\_\_\_\_  
 furnished info. for \_\_\_\_\_  
 faulty product to \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Retail meat Cutting
2. Industrial Outside Sales
3. Industrial Metals & metal Alloys
4. HAY FEED, GRAIN & CATTLE OPERATION
5. RETAIL SALES - STORE MGR.
6. RETAIL SALES - OUTSIDE TECH REP.

Describe the type of work you have been doing?

Name of supervisor at last two jobs? 1. [Redacted] 2. SELF

Telephone number of last two jobs 1. [Redacted] 2. [Redacted]

EDUCATION  
 High School ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL From 1945 to 1955  
 Give name and location of school  
 College LAVERNE COLLEGE From 1955 to 1958  
 Give name and location of school  
 Higher education or degree: UCLA, REAL POLY - MERITT COLLEGE  
 Military experience: 8 YRS Branch of Service: USN-R-R Type of discharge: Hardcore

REFERENCES  
 [Redacted] [Redacted] Phone No. [Redacted]  
 What does he do? 1-05  
ANGELES CAL Years acquainted? 29  
 City & State  
SUPERIOR COURT Los Angeles Phone No. [Redacted]  
 What does he do?  
SUPERIOR COURT Years acquainted? 20  
 City & State  
LIFE INS. Phone No. [Redacted]  
 What does he do?  
PORTLAND Years Acquainted? 1  
 City & State

Have you had a complete physical examination? yes Date last examined 11/28/73

I affirm that the above answers are correct to the best of my knowledge. Any misrepresentation of information given is considered sufficient reason for discharge after employment.

Date 11/30/73 Signature Robert A. Eastwood

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Guess \_\_\_\_\_ Character \_\_\_\_\_  
 Potential \_\_\_\_\_ Ability \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS


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Name <b>MATTHEW</b>		Bankers Life to Complete Account No	
First <b>MACK</b>	Initial <b>H</b>	Last <b>EASTERBROOK</b>	
Group Policyholder <b>RANSBURG CORPORATION</b>		ID No.	
Date of Birth Mo <b>7</b> Da <b>14</b> Yr <b>36</b>	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Social Sec No <b>557-46-8529</b>	Spouse Date of Birth Mo <b>11</b> Da <b>18</b> Yr <b>36</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Widowed or Divorced	Eligible Children? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you wish to insure eligible dependents? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Beneficiary - Fill in only when group life or accidental death benefits are provided (Relationship)		Life Insurance	Med Code
		Income Benefit	Code 1
		Code 2	Code 3
		Code 4	Code 5
<p>Unless otherwise provided herein, if two or more beneficiaries are named, the proceeds shall be paid in equal shares to the named beneficiaries surviving the insured.</p> <p>I request to be insured. If the group insurance plan provides that contributions be made by me, I authorize my employer to deduct them from my pay.</p>		<p>Date Signed Mo <b>11</b> Da <b>30</b> Yr <b>73</b></p> <p>Signature of Employee or Member <b>Mack H. Easterbrook</b></p> <p>Occupation <b>Portland Shopman</b></p> <p>Contributions <b>3.50</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) <input type="checkbox"/> (2) <input type="checkbox"/> (3) <input type="checkbox"/> (4)</p>	
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## LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA BENEFICIARY FORM

Complete this block each time this card is used. Please PRINT LEGIBLY

Insured's Name **MATTHEW MACK H. EASTERBROOK**

Insured's Address **P.O. BOX 950 BEAVERTON ORG.**

Name of Policyholder **RANSBURG CORP.** Policy No or renewal

## BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

Complete and sign this block if you wish to name or change your beneficiary

I hereby designate the following beneficiary with respect to indemnity for loss of life, revoking any previous beneficiary designation with respect to the above identified policy (Show given name and relationship to insured. If more than one beneficiary, state how each should share)

Signature **Mack H. Easterbrook** Date **11/30/73**

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# Electro Painters, Inc.

WESTERN BRANCH OFF CES  
Los Angeles  
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WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE  
2344 N W 24th Avenue  
Portland Oregon 97210  
Telephone: (503) 227-6521

December 10, 1973

Mr. Matthew H. Easterbrook  
P.O. Box 950  
Beaverton, Oregon

Dear Mr. Easterbrook:

As we have discussed, you are interested in becoming affiliated with Electro Painters, Inc., and we are interested in your joining our organization because your qualifications appear to fit our needs.

You will be paid at the rate of \$3.50 per hour and in consideration of your rate of pay you voluntarily agree to the following conditions of employment.

You will keep ~~confidential~~, both during and after your term of employment, all information relevant to our business and its electrostatic painting techniques, and in the event your employment should terminate for any reason, you agree not to be engaged in the field of electrostatic maintenance painting or electrostatic on-the-job refinishing of metal furniture and equipment with the Ransburg No. 2 Process electrostatic handgun or any other equivalent electrostatic maintenance painting apparatus within the State of Oregon for a period of three years after termination of your employment.

Customer lists of Electro Painters, Inc. are deemed ~~confidential~~ information and valuable trade secrets. You will keep all information concerning customers' identification or customer lists ~~confidential~~, both during and after your term of employment, and you will not use such customer lists or customer information for the benefit of any competitor of Electro Painters, Inc.

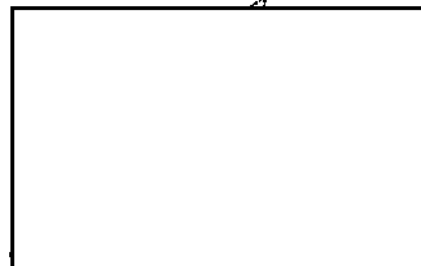
Please indicate your complete and willing agreement to the above conditions by signing both copies and returning one copy for our permanent records, after having it notarized.

Very truly yours,

Signed:

Notary:

Commission Expires:



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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

1/8/74

SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

NORJAK

Re: [REDACTED]

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Re Seattle airtel to Portland dated 12/27/73.

Portland files disclose information alleging possible identity of unsub as [REDACTED] received 12/1/71 from Sergeant [REDACTED] Springfield, Oregon, Police Department. Portland file discloses suspect [REDACTED] eliminated through contact with witnesses [REDACTED]

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No further details of elimination contained in Portland file.

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DB Cooper 42925

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Date: 1/4/74

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (P)  
RE: NORJAK  
OO: Seattle

Re Los Angeles airtels to Seattle 11/9/73, and  
11/15/73; and Portland airtel to Seattle 12/4/73.

Re Suspect: [REDACTED]

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Photos of the captioned individual were previously displayed to witnesses in this matter and he was not found identical or similar to the hijacker. He is described by associates as a blond headed, blue eyed, light to medium complexioned, Caucasian male and not Latin in appearance.

Based on the above, it would not appear he should be considered as a likely suspect, however, in view of his highly unusual activities and the results of recent extensive investigation at Los Angeles, it would appear investigation is warranted to positively eliminate him as a suspect in this matter and to ascertain if he is the subject of any other crimes, either Federal or local.

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LA 164-497

For the information and investigative assistance of receiving offices, the following detailed summary of investigation concerning [ ] is set forth below:

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In January 1971, [ ] South Bay Daily Breeze, Torrance, California, and [ ] for that newspaper, advised the Los Angeles Division that during [ ] conversation with [ ] Redondo Beach, California, [ ] had mentioned that [ ] had disappeared in a [ ] was reported missing and his boat was located in Redondo Beach Harbor. Due to the time of his disappearance, it was suggested that he be considered as a possible suspect in this matter.

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On 1/25/71, Lieutenant [ ] Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LACSO), Harbor Division, Redondo Beach, advised that MARGARET WOOD, [ ] had reported [ ] missing on [ ].

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Lieutenant [ ] and LASO deputies have located [ ] boat anchored a short distance off shore near Palos Verdes Peninsula, Redondo Beach, California.

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[ ] led divers in an intensive search of the area for two days under good weather conditions and clear water and failed to locate a body. There was no evidence of foul play. One fishing pole was found aboard the craft and deputies could not get the engine started after boarding the craft.

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On 1/27/71, MARGARET BLANCA SILKWOOD, 22451 Roscoe Boulevard, Canoga Park, California, was interviewed at her residence. She advised that [ ] who used the [ ] had been [ ] in Glendale, California. She stated that they were [ ]. Mrs. SILKWOOD added that it has been very hard for her to accept the fact that [ ] as she always knew him to be extremely careful. [ ] was a Navy veteran and had never been a parachutist. She added

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that she would definitely be aware of any parachuting experience as she knew his habits and hobbies well. She advised that about 1960 while she [redacted] living in Prospect, Oregon, near Klamath Falls, she and [redacted] had both taken flying lessons. [redacted] had obtained a [redacted], as they had at that time moved to California and found flying too hazardous. b6 b7C

When asked if [redacted] regularly flew on commercial airlines, Mrs. SILKWOOD responded by stating she had never known him to fly commercially as he was afraid of commercial flying. She added that he would have no knowledge of commercial aircraft. b6 b7C

Mrs. SILKWOOD observed an artist's conception of the hijacker in this matter and advised it did not resemble [redacted]. She stated [redacted] was born [redacted], was about 5'11" - 6', about 160 - 170 pounds, had golden blond hair, blue eyes, and medium complexion. b6 b7C

Based on the rather unusual circumstances surrounding the disappearance of [redacted] and the fact that [redacted] claimed he was afraid to fly commercially while he had obtained [redacted] previously, the Sacramento Division was requested to obtain a photo of [redacted] from the Driver's License Division of the California Department of Motor Vehicles and forward copies of this photo to appropriate offices for display to witnesses in this matter. b6 b7C

On 2/9/72, the Sacramento Division advised that a California Driver's License [redacted] in the name [redacted] had been located. In addition to this driver's license a second driver's license number [redacted] in the name of [redacted] had been located. b6 b7C

Driver's license [redacted] was issued on [redacted] [redacted] Glendale, California. [redacted] was described as a male, born [redacted], 5'11", 150 pounds, blue eyes, blonde hair [redacted]. His residence was shown as [redacted] Los Angeles, effective 3/26/68. This license was to expire on [redacted]. b6 b7C

Driver's license [redacted] was issued on [redacted] to [redacted] Los Angeles, California. [redacted] was described as a male, born [redacted] 5'11", 160 pounds, blue eyes, blond hair. [redacted] residence was shown as [redacted] Los Angeles and a second address as [redacted] Los Angeles, effective 7/13/69. This license was mailed on 12/7/71, and was to expire on [redacted]

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On 2/9/72, the Sacramento Division forwarded one copy of each of the above driver's licenses to Seattle, Portland and Minneapolis for possible display to witnesses.

On 2/15/72, the Postal Inspector's Office, Los Angeles advised that [redacted] was rented on 1/6/66, to [redacted] [redacted] had furnished an address of [redacted] [redacted], Los Angeles. This address had been deleted, date unknown, and a new address of [redacted] Los Angeles, had been entered. Mail at this box was being regularly picked up and the box was current. [redacted], Postal Inspector's Office, confidentially advised the letter in the box was addressed to [redacted]

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On the same date [redacted], Postal Clerk, U. S. Postal Service, 313 South Broadway, Glendale, California, advised that [redacted] was rented to [redacted] [redacted] Los Angeles, on 4/29/68. [redacted] had furnished a driver's license number of [redacted] [redacted] advised the box is current and mail is regularly being picked up.

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He confidentially advised that three pieces of mail were currently in the box and contained the following return addresses:

- 1) [redacted]
- 2) [redacted]
- 3) [redacted]

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On 2/15/72, [redacted]  
Los Angeles, California, was interviewed. [redacted] an  
[redacted] advised she had [redacted]  
[redacted] She described herself  
as closely associated with them while they [redacted]  
[redacted] prior to moving into the new home they  
purchased in Canoga Park in early November 1971.

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She was well aware of [redacted] having disappeared  
and [redacted] She maintained regular contact with  
MARGARET WOOD whom she described as [redacted] and  
her observations while [redacted] indicated they  
were a happy couple and she was not aware of any [redacted]  
[redacted].

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On 2/16/72, MARGARET SILKWOOD was reinterviewed and  
advised she was aware of both post office boxes [redacted] which  
[redacted] She stated she regularly picked  
up the mail at these boxes and explained the boxes were maintained  
due to the rough neighborhood in which she [redacted] had b6  
resided prior to moving to Canoga Park in November 1971. She b7c  
added that both she [redacted] were separately employed  
and feared their mail would be stolen if delivered to their  
residence while they were at work.

Mrs. SILKWOOD further stated she had accompanied  
[redacted] at the time he had purchased a driver's license  
in the name of [redacted] in early November 1971, a  
week or two prior to his disappearance. She stated [redacted]  
had desired the driver's license in the name of [redacted] in the  
event he should be cited or arrested by the police for traffic  
violations as he did not want unfavorable publicity to come  
[redacted]  
other identification purposes.

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She stated the mail being received at the two Los Angeles post office boxes is being turned directly over by her to attorney [redacted], whom she has engaged to handle legal matters since [redacted] disappearance. Her attorney has requested this be done in the event there are any threatening type letters or any other indications [redacted] disappearance was due to reasons other [redacted].

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AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

On 3/2/72, the Minneapolis Division advised that a photo of [redacted] and four other possible suspects in this matter had been shown to Northwest Orient Airlines stewardesses in Minneapolis and the photo of [redacted] was not found similar or identical to the hijacker in this matter.

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In view of the opinion of the witnesses and the lack of any positive indication that [redacted] had not actually [redacted], no further investigation was conducted at that time.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On 11/6/73, [redacted] Glandale, California, telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office of the FBI. She stated that about two days ago a man named [redacted] who had worked with [redacted] had claimed he saw [redacted] in a gas station in Highland Park, California, [redacted] claimed [redacted] got into a car with Oregon license plates on it and hurriedly drove off. Efforts by [redacted] to speak with this individual were reportedly ignored.

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Based on the above, the following investigation was conducted by SA C. ROBERT STRANGER at Los Angeles, California:

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On 11/8/73, [redacted] were interviewed. Both expressed an interest in any reward being offered in connection with the Seattle hijacking and [redacted] advised he had been in contact with Northwest Orient Airlines regarding possible rewards.

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[redacted] both furnished handwritten notations concerning background of [redacted] and reasons why they believed he should be considered as a suspect in this matter.

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Xerox copies of these notations were forwarded by Los Angeles to Seattle, Portland, and Minneapolis on 2/9/73. A photo of [redacted] was made available by [redacted] and she described this photo as an excellent likeness of him.

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On 11/8/73, [redacted] who advised his true name is [redacted] was interviewed at his employment, [redacted] [redacted], Santa Monica, California.

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[redacted] stated on Monday evening, November 5, 1973, he had observed a man whom he felt positive was [redacted]. While at an unrecalled service station in the Highland Park area of Los Angeles, this man was seen buying gas, for about a 1971 gold colored Chrysler. He had approached this person and spoken to him by the first name of [redacted] stated he was completely ignored, the man turned his back, accepted change from the attendant and hurriedly departed. Based on the fact he felt certain it was [redacted], and his unusual actions, he copied down the Oregon license plate number from the Chrysler as [redacted].

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[redacted] observed the photo of [redacted] furnished by [redacted] and advised the photo was a good likeness of [redacted] except the hair on the individual he had observed appeared shorter than in the photo.

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[redacted] could not recall what service station this incident took place at nor what brand of gasoline he had purchased. He recalled he was possibly on York Boulevard in the Highland Park area of Los Angeles, near Occidental College.

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On 11/8/73, the Oregon license number furnished by [ ] was checked through the Oregon law enforcement data system and revealed license [ ] was registered to a 1972 Imperial. [ ], registered owners [ ]

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[ ] MARGARET B. WOOD, born 2/22/38.

The owner's address was shown as [ ], Monmouth, Oregon. The legal owner was shown as [ ], Hollywood, California.

On 11/13/73, MARGARET SILKWOOD was reinterviewed at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI. She stated she continues to reside at 22451 Roscoe Boulevard, Canoga Park, California, and claimed she has had absolutely no contact from [ ] since his alleged [ ] in November 1971. She recalled about a year ago a former acquaintance of [ ] had reportedly seen him on the street in Hollywood. She had inquired as to whether this person had stopped or spoken with [ ] and was told this had not occurred to the person at the time. She stated, due to the uncertainty of the information, she tended to disregard it as invalid.

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She stated that about 1963 she [ ] had taken [ ]. This policy was to decrease in value as their [ ]. The insuring company was [ ] and she advised no claims have been filed as [ ]

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Following [ ] disappearance, a [ ] boat which he owned was berthed in Redondo Beach Harbor and due to the expense involved, she had to dispose of the boat. Since it was registered in both she and [ ] names, it was necessary that she hire an attorney to handle the legal aspects. The attorney had discussed with her a possible petition to the court to declare [ ]. This possibility was discussed with [ ] both objected to such a petition.

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The attorney had made other arrangements and was successful in disposing of the boat and no petition was filed.

She added that she and [redacted] in Los Angeles in [redacted] and described their relationship as very close.

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During [redacted] she handled the [redacted] through the United California Bank, 411 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California, where she is [redacted]. She stated she had also, [redacted], purchased most of [redacted] clothing, and stated he usually dressed in conservative business suits. She recalled having purchased some of his clothing at J. C. Penny's Store in Glendale, California. However, [redacted] could not recall specifically whether she purchased ties for him at that store. She knew him to wear clip-on type ties and tie tacks regularly.

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[redacted] has a college degree from San Fernando Valley State College and is a History major. He is also a graduate of the [redacted] in Hollywood, California, and has worked as [redacted]

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[redacted] described [redacted] as a quiet person who disliked crowds and social affairs. He was a moderate smoker of cigarettes favoring Winston brand.

[redacted] could not stand heights and she does not believe he would ever consider parachuting due to this fear. She is certain [redacted] could not have been making trips to Elsinore, California, to the Parachute Center, without her being aware of it.

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She stated [redacted] had extremely fair complexion and blue eyes. Both his skin and eyes were very sensitive to the light. He wore prescription dark glasses even indoors if the lights were bright. She recalled about September 1971, he purchased new prescription sunglasses from [redacted] (phonetic) who had an office believed to be on Hollywood Boulevard in Hollywood, California. [redacted] had natural golden blond hair and she recalls several years ago [redacted] was studying Cosmotology. [redacted]

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She added that [redacted] had enlisted in the U. S. Navy when [redacted] was honorably discharged and to the best of her knowledge, had never been arrested.

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She continued stating that about 1963 to 1965, [redacted] had been closely associated with a man named [redacted] [redacted] had bought [redacted] in Bellingham with [redacted] Under the agreement, [redacted] was to [redacted] A long legal "hassle" developed regarding [redacted] and eventually, the man who sold [redacted]

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She stated that last year her income taxes were audited by Internal Revenue Service and it had been necessary for [redacted] to be contacted in Bellingham. She advised she had not retained his address or telephone number.

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About two years prior to this disappearance [redacted] had suffered from [redacted] and just prior to his disappearance he underwent [redacted] in Los Angeles. He never suffered any mental problem and this operation had appeared successful.

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Mrs. SILKWOOD stated she maintains contact with [redacted], also known as [redacted], in Visalia, California, and also with her [redacted]. She is certain that they have no information concerning [redacted] she does not know. She recently contacted [redacted] to invite her to Thanksgiving dinner and [redacted] declined the invitation [redacted].

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On 11/13/73, [redacted] Temple City, California, representative of the [redacted] advised [redacted] is the holder of several [redacted], specifically as he furnishes an address at a Post Office Box in Glandale, California, and does not respond to correspondence directed to the Post Office Box. He stated he has no information indicating any claims having been filed against the company by the beneficiaries in these policies.

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A review of previous investigation reveals Redondo Beach, California, Police Department, and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office, Harbor Division, were involved in the search for [REDACTED]. No information was developed indicating the U. S. Coast Guard was involved.

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On 11/9/73, Sergeant [REDACTED], West Valley Division, Los Angeles Police Department, which has jurisdiction over the area where [REDACTED] advised they have no record identifiable with the suspect or [REDACTED].

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On 11/15/73, the Portland Division was requested to conduct appropriate investigation at Monmouth, Oregon, for the purpose of resolving whether or not [REDACTED] warranted additional investigation as a suspect in this matter.

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AT PORTLAND, OREGON

On 11/26/73, it was ascertained that [REDACTED] had registered a 1972 Imperial two door with the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles on 3/23/73. [REDACTED] Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles, advised there was a hold on the Oregon title which would indicate the title is in the hands of a lien holder out of state. The vehicle's legal owner [REDACTED], Hollywood, California. There was no record of a driver's license having been issued to a [REDACTED] MARGARET B. WOOD in Oregon.

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On the same date the records of the Dallas, Oregon, Credit Bureau, which serves Independence, Oregon; the Monmouth, Oregon Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff's Office were checked and no record was located for [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED], owner of the residence at [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Monmouth, Oregon, was not familiar with anyone identifiable with [REDACTED] and stated the only persons who lived at his rental were young hippy type individuals. He recalled there has been a former student at Oregon College of Education in Monmouth Oregon, who had lived at [REDACTED] whose name [REDACTED], however, he was only [REDACTED] years of age and drove a late model Chevrolet Vega.

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[redacted] could not recall ever having observed a 1971 or 1972 Chrysler Imperial at the above address.

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[redacted] added that one of his former tenants, [redacted] in Salem, Oregon. He did not know the present whereabouts of [redacted].

On 12/3/73, [redacted] Salem, Oregon, advised he had lived previously at [redacted] in Monmouth during the late Spring of 1973. One of his roommates at that time was [redacted] who is presently attending the Eastern Oregon College in La Grande, Oregon. [redacted] said he was acquainted with [redacted] in Hollywood, California, inasmuch as he had attended that [redacted]. He claimed their relationship had been that of strictly [redacted] and he had not known [redacted] socially.

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[redacted] stated he had not seen [redacted] since leaving school [redacted] and did not think it possible that [redacted] would have any way of locating him.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On 12/5/73, [redacted] Hollywood, California, advised a search of credit union records reveals a check was made payable by [redacted] [redacted], for the purchase of a 1972 Chrysler.

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She stated her records reveal [redacted] also known [redacted], had an address of [redacted] Glendale, California, in 1971 at the time he obtained the loan to buy the Chrysler.

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Her records further indicate that on 9/8/72, a [redacted] was received from [redacted] final payment on the loan to [redacted] on the purchase of the 1972 Chrysler. Upon receipt of the final payment, [redacted] advised the pink slip would have been mailed to the [redacted] Glendale. Her records did not indicate in what form the payment [redacted] was received.

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She stated that records indicate payments were received on [ ] account as follows:

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1) On 4/4/72, a payment of [ ] was received as payment in full on a 1970 Buick.

2) On 4/4/72, a payment of [ ] was received as payment in full on a Volvo.

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3) On 4/4/72, a payment of [ ] was received on a boat.

4) On 7/11/72, a payment of [ ] was received as a final payment on a boat.

Her records indicate the following addresses had been furnished by [ ]:

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[ ]  
Los Angeles, California

[ ]  
Glendale, California

[ ]  
Los Angeles, California

Mrs. MARGARET WOOD  
22451 Roscoe Boulevard  
Canoga Park, California

This file indicated that [ ] possessed

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shown).

On 12/8/73, [redacted], Atlantic Richfield Company, 515 South Flower, Room 491, Los Angeles, advised [redacted], Glendale, California, opened an account on 10/1/67, and was furnished [redacted]

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On 12/19/73, [redacted] advised he had ascertained billings to the [redacted] issued to [redacted] are sent to [redacted] in Glendale, California, and accounting records indicate bills [redacted] were paid on [redacted], respectively. These bills were paid by checks drawn on an account of [redacted] telephone number [redacted] Glendale, California. This checking account was at the Bank of America, Riverside-Woodman Branch, 13700 Riverside Drive, Sherman Oaks, California.

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He advised he would request microfilm invoices of all purchases against the [redacted] from November 1971 to present as well as all available credit data concerning [redacted]. He advised this information would have to be obtained from their headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, and he would make them available upon receipt.

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On 12/19/73, records of the California Department of Motor Vehicles, Driver's License Division revealed on [redacted] California Driver's License Number [redacted] was issued to [redacted], Glendale. [redacted] was described as a male born [redacted], 5'11", 160 pounds, blue eyes, blond hair, Social Security Account Number [redacted] and address of [redacted], Glendale.

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On the same date inquiry at the address [redacted], Glendale, revealed this to be a single family residence occupied by [redacted]. They had no rental units and the photo and known aliases of [redacted] were unfamiliar to [redacted] residence in Glendale, California.

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On 12/19/73, [redacted] advised telephone number [redacted] was a published number which was disconnected on [redacted]. The subscriber was [redacted] [redacted], Van Nuys, California.

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The billing for this telephone had been sent to [redacted] at the above address and indicate [redacted] had telephone services at [redacted] and residence phones of [redacted].

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On 12/20/73, [redacted] adjacent to the address of [redacted] Van Nuys, California, positively identified the photo of [redacted] as identical to a man who had operated [redacted]. She advised that [redacted] had [redacted]. She stated the [redacted]. She advised that the [redacted], who has been in this area for some time. She did not know the degree of association between [redacted].

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[redacted] stated she had been a [redacted]

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She stated that about two weeks ago on a Wednesday, 12/7/73, morning she had observed a sign in the window which read [redacted]

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She added that a couple of days prior to this a sign had been observed in the window indicating [redacted]

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On the same date, [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] advised he was [redacted]  
[redacted] advised he had [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] He advised that [redacted] paid the  
[redacted]  
at the [redacted] stated [redacted]  
has an office phone of [redacted] and home phone of [redacted].

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He added that [redacted] always paid his rent by checks drawn on an account in his name at the Bank of America.

[redacted] furnished an address for [redacted]  
[redacted], Los Angeles, California [redacted]

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He positively identified the photo of [redacted] as the person he knew as [redacted] advising that [redacted] was driving a beat up looking Volkswagen bug, blue or grey in color during the times he has seen him.

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He added that to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] has been a reputable business man in the area for several years and he does not know the degree of association between [redacted] and [redacted] or how they became associated in [redacted].

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[redacted] recalled that on one occasion he had approached [redacted] as he was a few days late in paying the rent. [redacted] had remarked to him that he would have to transfer some money from another bank into his checking account before he could pay the rent. He believed this was when [redacted] first rented the building [redacted] when it was necessary for him to have [redacted] for each of the first and last months rent, a total of [redacted].

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On 12/21/73, [redacted]  
[redacted], Sherman Oaks,  
confidentially advised that [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] could locate no record indicating how [redacted]  
[redacted] stating she was [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] was known to [redacted] as  
[redacted] whom she believed to be  
a reputable local businessman.

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She advised that [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] was furnished a list of the ransom  
bills in this matter and advised she would compare any twenty  
dollar bills [redacted] with this list  
and would immediately notify the Los Angeles Office should  
any pertinent information be developed.

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On 12/20/73, [redacted]  
[redacted], Los Angeles, [redacted]  
[redacted] at this location, were interviewed. [redacted]  
advised that his records [redacted]  
[redacted] however, they do have a  
[redacted]  
[redacted] stated she had questioned [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted].

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[redacted] made available [redacted]  
which she stated [redacted]  
[redacted] indicated that the  
[redacted]  
[redacted].

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[redacted] in November 1972  
[redacted]  
[redacted], Portland, Oregon.

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References were furnished as:

1) [redacted] Portland, Oregon, known since 1965.

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2) Sears Roebuck, Portland, Oregon

3) [redacted]  
Portland, Oregon.

4) First National Bank of Oregon, Barber Boulevard Branch, Portland, Oregon.

[redacted] furnished former addresses of:

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1) [redacted], Portland 1965 - 1972

2) [redacted], Portland 1963

He described his vehicle as a 1963 Volkswagen and a driver's license (state not indicated) of [redacted]. His Social Security Number was shown as [redacted].

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This application was signed [redacted] and dated 11/4/72.

[redacted] advised that within the past

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[redacted]

Neither [redacted] had ever observed a

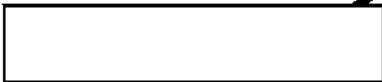
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[redacted]  
[redacted] stated that after [redacted] had completed [redacted] in November 1972 she had never seen [redacted]  
[redacted] to the best of her knowledge, has always lived alone.

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January 8, 1974

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Oregon Journal  
1320 Southwest Broadway  
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear :

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Mr. Julius Lee Mattson, Special Agent in Charge of our Portland Office, has brought to my attention the many articles contained in recent editions of your paper regarding the hijacking of a Northwest Orient Airlines flight on November 24, 1971. I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for your thoughtfulness in bringing the details concerning this case to the attention of your many readers. I am certainly gratified for the assistance you have rendered the FBI and, on behalf of my associates, I convey sincere thanks.

Sincerely,

*Julius Lee Mattson*

- ① - Portland (164-41)  
Reurlet 12/20/73;  
1 - Seattle (164-81)

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

NORJAK  
(OO:Seattle )

Re Portland letter to Seattle, dated 12/11/73.

Enclosed herewith for Seattle are two copies of an FD-302 concerning recovery of a parachute from a mountainous area near Sheridan, Oregon, on 12/11/73. Parachute was previously transmitted to Seattle as set forth in referenced letter.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

NORJAK  
(OO:Seattle)

Enclosed herewith for Seattle is one copy of photograph of suspect [redacted]

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On 12/6/73, [redacted]  
[redacted], Salem, Oregon, telephone number [redacted], telephonically contacted the Portland Office to furnish the following information:

[redacted] has seen the artist's conception of D. B. COOPER and thinks a fellow who served with him in the Navy from [redacted] is a look alike.

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[redacted] stated the name was [redacted]  
[redacted] present whereabouts unknown. [redacted]  
visited [redacted] once in 1954 in Battleground, Washington,  
and once in 1955 in Battleground, Washington.

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[redacted] described [redacted] from a photograph taken in 1953 or 1954 as follows:

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Age	[redacted]
Complexion	Olive
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark
Build	Slim
Height	5'9"
Weight	150 - 160
Characteristics	Did not wear glasses at that time and had no accent

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[ ] described [ ] as quiet, a loner, methodical, saved everything, and a shady character.

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[ ] stated he would furnish photograph to FBI upon request.

[ ] Portland indices negative regarding [ ] and [ ]

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On 12/18/73, [ ]  
[ ] Salem, Oregon, furnished a photograph of [ ]  
[ ] for assistance in this investigation.

[ ] requested that a copy of the photograph be made by the FBI and the original be returned to her by mail.

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The original of enclosure was copies and returned to [ ] by mail, 1/9/74.

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AT BATTLEGROUND, WASHINGTON. Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning suspect [ ].

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK  
(OO:SEATTLE)

Re: "CHANGED" *2*

[REDACTED]

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Subtitle changed to show correct spelling of suspect's name. Subtitle formerly carried as [REDACTED].

Re Seattle airtel to Portland, 12/14/73.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA LeROY R. ELLIOTT:

AT PORT ORFORD, OREGON

[REDACTED] on 1/16/74  
advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in Port Orford in September, 1972, driving an old pickup with Nevada license plates. They immediately purchased a house [REDACTED] and paid the entire sum in cash, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that they had been traveling throughout the United States for the previous year just looking for a place to settle down. This was the first house they had ever purchased.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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[REDACTED]

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AT [REDACTED] OREGON

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on 1/18/74 advised that he has no personnel file for [REDACTED] without references or any background information. He was an [REDACTED] and worker but suddenly disappeared without notice in late July, 1973. His Social Security number was [REDACTED], but he never furnished a date of birth or a middle name or initial.

At the time he disappeared he had about [REDACTED] in wages coming to him, but owed the company about [REDACTED] in charges made against the company for his personal benefit.

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Subsequently, in [REDACTED] received a long-distance call from [REDACTED], believed to be in New York, who explained that [REDACTED] in New York had passed away and they had to rush to New York to handle the estate. [REDACTED] to apply the wages due him to the [REDACTED] and that he would put a check in the mail for the remaining [REDACTED] failed to get [REDACTED] address, and the check was never received. They have heard nothing further from him.

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On 1/18/74, there was no record of [REDACTED] at the Port Orford Police Department, the Curry County Sheriff's Office, the Coos Bay Police Department, or the Coos County Sheriff's Office.

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##### PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Through records of [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], ascertain address of [REDACTED] and conduct appropriate investigation to process him as a suspect in NORJAK.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 1/18/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: MORJAK  
(OO:PORTLAND)

On 1/18/74 at 11:35 AM, [REDACTED] Tigard, Oregon, telephone [REDACTED] telephonically contacted FPI, Portland and advised [REDACTED] JACK FELDMAN, deceased since 3/73, had in the past gone fishing at Cascade Locks, Oregon and when fishing where the locks are located on the river, both had noticed a white patch on the west side of the highest peak directly North of their position. Their fishing position was close to farthest point downstream where you can stand on remaining locks on river bank.

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He thought the little white patch could be a parachute and knew it was a far out chance that it was significant, but wanted to report it in case it could be important. He is presently employed at [REDACTED] Portland, Ore.

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He stated the white patch looked like it was about 6 miles up the highest peak, but on the last time he was in the area he couldn't see the white anymore.

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PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND, OREGON: Contact [REDACTED] for further description of area if information furnished is considered of importance.

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TOO FAR OUTSIDE  
ZONE. (40 MILES)  
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*[Signature]*





UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 1/23/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re Portland memo of SAC J. L. MATTSON dated 12/6/73 (Serial 164-41-1316).

On 12/12/73, [REDACTED] U.S. Plywood Mill, Lebanon, Oregon, advised that JOHN EDWARD HALE was an employee working under [REDACTED] and that he could be contacted at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] did not have a home address for him.

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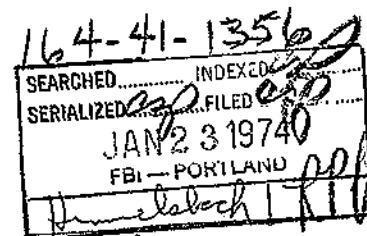
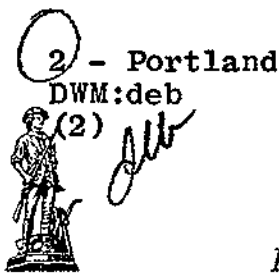
Attempts to locate Mr. HALE through [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED], were unsuccessful.

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On 1/11/74, JOHN EDWARD HALE, Route 2, Box 370K, Lebanon, Oregon, was contacted and it was determined that he did not fit the description of NORJAK. He is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	1/15/22
Height	5' 7"
Weight	153 pounds
Hair	Gray, bald
Characteristics	Good physical condition
Military Service	None
Prior Address	Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mr. HALE said he was an employee of the railroad in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for twenty years prior to coming to Oregon. He said he had never been in the military service and had no knowledge whatsoever of parachuting.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 1/23/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NORJAK

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On 1/11/74, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Oregon, advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in Portland. He said  
he recalled that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] did not work the night of the hijacking.  
[REDACTED], is  
still an employee [REDACTED] and could be contacted  
through that office in Portland. [REDACTED] said at the time  
of the hijacking, [REDACTED] worked the 4:00 P.M. until 12:00  
midnight shift and he missed work only on the night of the  
hijacking. He said in his opinion, [REDACTED] looks a great deal  
like the composite drawing of D. B. COOPER.

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### PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Conduct appropriate investigation  
to eliminate [REDACTED] an employee of the  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in Portland.

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(BLIND NOTE: [REDACTED] contacted the Portland Office by  
letter, which is serial 164-41-1338).

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② - Portland  
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*ADVISES SSAN  
DOB [REDACTED] 6'3", GREEN, SKINNY, AND IN NO WAY  
RESEMBLES DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB. RPH*

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SA [redacted]

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] and [redacted] Oregon, telephonically contacted the Portland Office to advise that he had observed an individual driving a vehicle bearing Oregon license [redacted] who appeared to be identical to NORJAK. This vehicle is registered to ROGER C. STROM, P. O. Box 1, Highway 101, North Depoe Bay, Oregon.

On 1/15/74, [redacted] Lincoln City, Oregon, advised that STROM had requested on 1/4/74, that his mail be forwarded in care of General Delivery, Lakeview, Oregon. She further advised that STROM had formerly been employed for the Globe Moving Van and Transfer Company; however, she did not know if he was presently employed.

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PORTLAND

AT LAKEVIEW, OREGON. Conduct investigation to eliminate subject as NORJAK.

(2) Portland

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)(P)

FROM : SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH

SUBJECT: NORJAK

DATE: 1/24/74

Re SAC memo to file, dated 12/6/73.

[redacted] Lake Oswego,  
Oregon, telephone [redacted], Mannings Restaurant,  
Lloyd Center, furnished the following information on 1/14/74:

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[redacted] for  
several years was VERN VERVILLE. VERVILLE managed the  
restaurant for several years [redacted]  
[redacted], who does not fit the description of UNSUB in this  
matter, is currently employed [redacted], Houston, Texas.  
VERVILLE was about 50, balding, heavy set with olive complexion.  
He likewise does not fit the description of this UNSUB.

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During his latter years VERVILLE suffered from a  
progressive kidney disease. In October, 1971, he became bedridden  
and was on a dialysis program which required his frequent  
attachment to a machine which purified his blood. In February, 1972,  
VERVILLE died.

It is noted that [redacted],  
likewise does not resemble the description or composite sketch  
of UNSUB.

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No further investigation concerning this suspect is  
being conducted.

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1/24/74

SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)(P)

NORJAK

Re Los Angeles airtel to Seattle, dated 1/4/74.

On 1/18/74, [redacted]  
Canyon Chrysler Plymouth, 10760 S.W. Canyon Road, Beaverton,  
Oregon, advised that he could locate no record concerning  
any service rendered to M. WOOD on 12/2/71. He did, however,  
find in his records a work order dated [redacted] for a 1972  
Imperial hardtop, license [redacted], owned by [redacted]  
[redacted], Salem, Oregon. This work order  
indicated the car was received at 1:00 p.m. [redacted] for a  
12,000 mile service and was promised for 1:00 p.m. the  
following day. The speedometer reading was [redacted] miles.  
The car was picked up on [redacted] paid for in cash,  
and the authorization signature was signed [redacted]

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[redacted] recalled that [redacted] was a pleasant person  
who was in with his car on several occasions. He said he had  
moved to Oregon from California and was living in Salem.  
His business, which he did not identify, required frequent  
visits to Portland. He left no telephone number. [redacted]  
described [redacted] as white male American, approximately [redacted]  
years, light hair and complexion, bushy hair, slender build,  
5'11"-6'0", 170 pounds.

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It is noted that the First National Bank of Oregon  
has no Barbur Boulevard Branch.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (164-41)

DATE: 1/29/74

FROM : SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Remymemo, dated 12/3/73.

Suspect [redacted] was located and interviewed on above date concerning this matter. It is noted [redacted] is a small man, prematurely balding, and does not resemble the description of Unsub. [redacted] advised he is currently employed at [redacted] [redacted] Oregon, and can be reached at either [redacted] employment, or [redacted] exact address unknown.

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[redacted] advised that since the violation in this matter, he has been quite interested in all the newspaper accounts relating to it, and has become somewhat of an expert on the case as a hobby. He stated that he has formed a theory that a very good place to parachute under the circumstances of this matter would have been the area with which he is very familiar, the Peet's Mountain area.

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[redacted] stated that he has discussed his ideas on this case on numerous occasions with many people, and that it is possible he has given someone the impression that he actually has information concerning the Unsub, which he does not have.

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In view of the above, no further investigation of this lead appears warranted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 1/29/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK  
SUSPECT: [REDACTED] aka

Re Portland airtel to Seattle, 12/4/73.

On 1/16/74, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Oregon, was contacted regarding captioned suspect.  
After observing a photograph of [REDACTED], he said he had  
never seen the individual before and that it did not look at all  
familiar.

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[REDACTED] said he was acquainted with [REDACTED]  
who resides in Salem, Oregon, but was not aware of any other  
person named [REDACTED].

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted] (P)

DATE: 1/28/74

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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DMV Computer at Salem failed to locate any vehicles or Driver's License issued to the subject. Computer was queried using d.o.b., SOC; and [redacted], Oregon address.

## LEAD

### PORTLAND AT PORTLAND

Will await results of investigation from Anchorage Division for comparison of subject to PD UNSUB [redacted].

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)(P)

NORJAK

REGARDING [REDACTED]

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On 12/27/73, at 4:43 p.m., a source in a position to know telephonically contacted the Portland Office to report the following:

[REDACTED], age [REDACTED], present address [REDACTED], Portland, Oregon, ([REDACTED]), [REDACTED] of source's while they were attending [REDACTED] Oregon. Sometime between 1962 and 1963, [REDACTED]

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Source has not seen or heard from [REDACTED]

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Source even heard that [REDACTED]

Source further stated that [REDACTED]

Source described [REDACTED] as age [REDACTED] 5'9"-5'10",

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[REDACTED] Also, the artist's conception was very close [REDACTED] looks except [REDACTED] photograph published and complexion is a little different. Source said [REDACTED]

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Portland indices were negative regarding source and [redacted]

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Oregon driver's license registration records list [redacted], date of birth [redacted], Portland, as current holder Oregon driver's license number [redacted]. He is described as male, 5'10", 145 pounds.

Records of Multnomah County Sheriff's Office were negative regarding [redacted] on 1/24/74. On same date, Records, Portland Police Department, disclosed one entry for [redacted] cleared by arrest of the other party for drunken driving. Their file number [redacted]

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On 1/23/74, records of Credit Bureau Metro, Portland, made available [redacted], disclosed a file has been maintained on [redacted] since March, 1967. Residence same, previous [redacted], Portland. Employment listed [redacted] since May, 1967, verified July, 1971. Last inquiry received July, 1971, from department store. No derogatory information in file.

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Observation of above residence discloses it to be small, modest, typical home in run-down neighborhood. Vehicle observed at residence is 1961 GMC pickup, Oregon license [redacted], which is listed to [redacted].

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[redacted], is located at Vancouver, Washington.

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SEATTLE

AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON. Will check employment records for suspect [redacted] to determine whether he was on the job on 11/24/71, during commission of instant hijacking.

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (P)

NORJAK  
OO: Seattle

Re Portland letter to San Francisco, dated 12/5/73.

Enclosed for Seattle are two copies of an FD 302 reflecting an interview with [redacted] as requested in referenced Portland letter.

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Also enclosed for information of Portland, is one copy of this FD 302.

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[redacted], Campbell, California was interviewed. He stated that he was the individual who wrote a letter to the Portland, Oregon Police Department concerning observations regarding the airline hijacking in that area during the Thanksgiving holidays, 1972. He stated [redacted] in the Seattle area and were returning to Campbell, California via Greyhound Bus.

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Somewhere near the army base in the Seattle, Washington area, an individual who he described as a white male, approximately 40 years old, 5'8", stocky build, carrying a duffle bag, boarded the bus. He stated as this individual passed his seat, he made the comment, "I just robbed that plane tonight". He stated the individual departed the bus somewhere north of Portland, exact area not recalled. He stated he had been dozing and the individual must have departed the bus prior to Portland because he did not observe him after that stop.

[redacted] stated that he had been concerned that this information might be of some value in identifying or locating the Subject so he decided to write the letter. He stated he could provide no further identifying information concerning this individual.

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Interviewed on 1/7/74 at Campbell, California File # SF 164-220

by SA [redacted] /pas Date dictated 1/10/74

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*Oregon*

*Jan. 26, 1974*

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. State Dept of Justice  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please send me a list of the ransom killed  
paid in the Cooper Div. Prison Case.

*Thank You*

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

*Oregon*

[Redacted]

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*H. J. [Signature]*

February 4, 1974

Joseph Allen JR  
140-527  
116-7933  
b. 7-10-23

[redacted]  
[redacted] Oregon [redacted]

Dear [redacted]:

Your letter of January 26th has been received. The list of serial numbers you requested consists of 34 pages and because of its length copies are in very short supply. For this reason, I cannot comply with your request.

Any twenty-dollar Federal Reserve Note may be checked through our office located in the Crown Plaza Building, Portland, Oregon 97201, for determination as to whether it is part of the ransom.

Sincerely yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1) - Portland - Enclosure

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

2/12/74

SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

NORJAK  
(OO: Seattle)

Re Los Angeles airtel to Seattle and Portland,  
dated 1/4/74.

Enclosed for Los Angeles and Seattle are two copies each of an insert disclosing investigation at Eugene, Oregon by SA [redacted]. Receiving offices should note that the 1972 Chrysler Imperial referred to on page 8 of referenced airtel bearing Oregon license [redacted] and the 1972 Chrysler Imperial on page 26 of referenced airtel bearing California license [redacted] and the 1972 Chrysler Imperial in enclosed insert could very possibly be identical. It should be further noted that the vehicle identification number was recorded by Barker employees as well as the license plate when the warranty work was done on 1/21/72. From that positive determination, it must be identical with the 1972 Chrysler Imperial bearing California license [redacted] on page 26 of referenced airtel. Since Oregon license [redacted], registered to [redacted] MARGARET WOOD found on page 8 of referenced airtel has vehicle identification number of [redacted], a bad VIN, it can be further assumed that the true VIN is the one determined by Barker Motors.

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- (2) - Portland

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The following investigation was conducted in the Portland Division by SA [REDACTED]:

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AT WILSONVILLE, OREGON

On December 21, 1973, it was noted that the realty company opposite the grocery store in Wilsonville was out of business.

On January 7, 1974, a check of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, which covers Wilsonville, Oregon, failed to disclose any record even possibly identical to [REDACTED].

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On January 18, 1974, a check with telephone directory information failed to disclose a listing for any [REDACTED] in Wilsonville.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

2/12/74

SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

NORJAK  
(OO: Seattle)

Re Seattle airtel to Portland, 11/27/73.

Enclosed for Seattle are two copies of an insert disclosing investigation by SA [redacted] at Wilsonville, Oregon on 12/21/73.

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On 1/18/74, [redacted] Wilsonville, advised as follows. She has known [redacted] since [redacted] to Wilsonville. [redacted] has resided in Wilsonville most of [redacted] advised that [redacted] has had [redacted] since she has known him and [redacted]

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DARCY described [redacted] as follows:

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'7" - 5'8"
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Brown
Age	[redacted]

[redacted] was shown the artist sketch of the unknown subject and advised that the sketch in no way resembles [redacted].

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2 - Portland

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PD 164-41

On 2/4/74, [redacted]  
James John Grade School, 7439 N. Charleston Street, Portland,  
Oregon, advised SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH that school records  
show that a [redacted] was registered [redacted]  
[redacted] at that school on 9/4/73, but never did attend any  
classes. She was dropped during September, 1973. The  
registration showed an address of [redacted]  
No further information was shown.

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On 2/5/74, investigation determined the address  
[redacted] is fictitious. No St. Louis  
[redacted]

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SE 164-81

PD 164-41

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [redacted]:

AT EUGENE, OREGON

On January 30, 1974, [redacted]  
[redacted], Barker Motors, 2300 W. 7th Street, telephone  
[redacted], furnished the following information. [redacted]  
advised that [redacted], residing [redacted]  
Eugene, Oregon, had a 1972 Imperial, Vehicle Identification  
Number [redacted], bearing Oregon license  
[redacted] serviced at Barker Motors on December 14, 1971.  
Invoice number was [redacted] used a Chevron credit card  
and paid the bill in the amount of [redacted].

[redacted] further stated that [redacted] brought  
the same vehicle [redacted] on January 21, 1972, to have  
warranty work. The mileage at that time was [redacted].  
[redacted] further stated that according to the warranty  
report, the vehicle was purchased on November 3, 1971, at  
Chrysler Corporation location number [redacted].

On February 5, 1974, [redacted]  
[redacted], was contacted and advised that he has  
no information concerning [redacted]. He stated that  
[redacted] has never been an employee at [redacted]  
and is not known to the [redacted].

On February 5, 1974, [redacted]  
Willamette Plaza Arco Service Station (WILPA) 57 W. 29th  
Street, telephone [redacted] advised upon reviewing the  
records of WILPA that she was unable to locate any type of  
service records for [redacted] or California license  
[redacted] at the WILPA Service Center in December, 1971.  
She advised that her records do not disclose any use of  
an Arco credit card belonging to [redacted] for services rendered.  
She stated that she would recheck her records and would  
advise the FBI if she were to find any records concerning  
[redacted] or California license [redacted].

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DONALD LEE TOMPKINS, Route 1, Box 112, Dayton, Oregon, home phone 503-868-7272, was located and interviewed at the Edgewater Hyatt House Motel, Room 145, Oakland, California.

TOMPKINS stated he was now in Oakland for the purpose of obtaining a [redacted]

[redacted], Oakland. TOMPKINS

stated a year ago he purchased [redacted] which had been given to him [redacted] has known all his life. [redacted] is employed by the First National Bank of Portland, Oregon, [redacted]. The [redacted] was given to him [redacted]

[redacted] The bill of sale [redacted] He

explained he is a pilot and that he has an agreement [redacted]

[redacted] exchange for his (TOMPKINS) maintaining [redacted]

[redacted] He explained again that [redacted]

[redacted] given to him [redacted] at that time, which he did. The purpose of this trip was explained as [redacted]

The following description of DONALD LEE TOMPKINS was obtained through observation and interview:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Date of Birth	November 24, 1930
Place of Birth	Salem, Oregon
Height	5'10"
Weight	190
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Peculiarities	TOMPKINS is blind in the right eye, and eyeball, due to this injury, has tendency to drift to the right.
Driver's License	Oregon - #660792

Interviewed on 2/7/74 at Oakland, California File # SF 164-220

SAs [redacted] & vmd

Date dictated 2/8/74

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FAA Flight Certificate #	1551668	
Military Service	None; claims no parachute jumping experience	
Residence	[REDACTED] Dayton, Oregon	b6 b7C
Arrests	Admits arrest for failing to file income tax approximately 1 1/2 years ago; disposition - July, 1973, convicted in USDC, Portland, for misdemeanor, 60 days in jail and placed on 3 years' Federal probation under supervision of Mr. ERNEST J. KARLSON, 620 Southwest Main, Portland, 503-221-2117.	
Marital Status	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Same address as above	b6 b7C
Credit Card	BankAmericard #4821030400555 issued through First National Bank of Oregon	
Occupation	Farmer	
Current Employment	Publishers Paper Company Mollala, Oregon	

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

2/12/74

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)

NORJAK  
OO: Seattle

RE Suspect DONALD LEE TOMPKINS

Re San Francisco telephone call to Portland, dated 2/7/74.

Enclosed for the Seattle Division are two copies of a FD 302 reflecting interview of suspect at Oakland, California, 2/7/74. Enclosed for Portland Division is one copy of above enclosure for information inasmuch as suspect resides in the Portland Division.

For information Seattle and Portland Division, on the evening of 2/7/74, Lieutenant [ ] and Sergeant [ ] Oakland California Police Department, furnished information that suspect was currently in Oakland California at the [ ] had purchased in May of 1973, [ ]. According to the above sources, TOMPKINS slightly resembled composite drawing of Unsub COOPER. TOMPKINS is driving a Ford pickup, Oregon License [ ].

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Inquiry through Department of Motor Vehicles, Salem Oregon, disclosed Oregon license [ ] issued to 1972 Ford pickup. VIN [ ] registered to [ ], born [ ], Dayton, Oregon. It is determined that [ ] has Oregon drivers license number [ ] issued to [ ], described as a white male, date of birth [ ], 6'2", 210 pounds, showing an address of [ ] Lake Grove, Oregon. [ ] drivers license record indicated had been [ ].

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Further inquiry disclosed Oregon drivers license number 66079 issued 11/24/72 to DONALD LEE TOMPKINS, Route 1 Box 112, Dayton, Oregon, born 11/24/30, 5'10", 180 lbs., and

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registration indicates 1968 Buick, Oregon license [redacted] issued  
to DONALD [redacted]

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Interrogation and observation of TOMPKINS eliminated  
this individual due to eye color and fact that TOMPKINS is  
blind in right eye as being identical with Unsub COOPER.

No further investigation regarding this suspect is  
being conducted in San Francisco.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 2/13/74

FROM : SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re memo of SA [redacted] dated 11/22/73.

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A copy of a group photograph depicting [redacted]  
[redacted] California, during [redacted] was  
obtained from complainant [redacted] by SA [redacted]  
[redacted]. This photograph was reproduced and copies  
displayed to both [redacted] and [redacted],  
Northwest Airlines, both witnesses in this matter. Both  
stated the photograph does not contain the picture of  
unsub in this matter.

②-Portland

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 2/13/74

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 1/4/74, [redacted] Chief Deputy, Tillamook County Sheriff's Office, advised his office received information from [redacted], Oregon, that [redacted] believes he recently saw a man he worked with approximately [redacted], who fits the description of D. B. COOPER. [redacted] believes this individual worked with him at [redacted] Oregon. [redacted] reported to the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office that the man's name is [redacted] (LNU), and he is described as a white male, [redacted] years, 5'7" - 5'9" in height, weighing 160-165 pounds, and has light colored hair.

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Deputy [redacted] advised that while [redacted] is considered a responsible citizen and has no criminal record, the information which he has provided in the past is not considered to be entirely credible.

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On 1/8/74, an attempt to contact [redacted] at his residence in [redacted], Oregon was negative. [redacted] who is employed at [redacted] Oregon, advised [redacted] had driven to Tillamook and was not expected to return until sometime that evening. [redacted] stated [redacted] many years ago and has been [redacted]. She recalls that he did state that he believes he saw someone resembling the photograph of D. B. COOPER, which had appeared in the local newspaper. She could provide no additional information.

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On 2/1/74, [redacted] was contacted at his residence and advised that he could not recall the individual's name that he saw approximately one month ago [redacted], Oregon, who resembles D. B. COOPER. He described this individual as approximately [redacted] years of age, 5'7" - 5'8" in height, 165 - 170 pounds, and to have light colored hair.

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[ ] stated he would attempt to determine this individual's name and if he still resides in the [ ] area.

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On 2/7/74, [ ] was recontacted, and he advised he has talked to a number of people in the [ ] areas, however, no one could recall this individual, and he could provide no additional information regarding him.

In view of the fact that [ ] description of the suspect does not match the description of the subject in this case, and that he is unable to recall the name of the individual together with the fact that in previous contacts with local authorities, it has been determined that his credibility is questionable, no further investigation is being conducted in this matter.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 2/13/74

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 1/30/74, an attempt to contact [redacted]  
at [redacted], Hillsboro, Oregon, was negative.  
No one was at home.

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On 1/30/74, a review of the Hillsboro City  
Directory showed that [redacted] is employed at [redacted]  
[redacted], Portland, Oregon.

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On 2/11/74, [redacted] residence [redacted]  
[redacted], Hillsboro, Oregon, telephone [redacted]  
was contacted at her place of employment, [redacted]  
[redacted], Portland, Oregon,  
telephone [redacted] Extension [redacted]. She provided the fol-  
lowing information regarding [redacted]:

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[redacted] advised [redacted]  
[redacted] Since the hijacking  
of the Northwest Orient Airliner, there have been numerous  
comments made to her that [redacted] may have been the  
individual referred to as D. B. COOPER. These comments  
have always been made in the form of a joke, and neither  
she nor anyone else has taken them seriously. The reason  
for these comments is that [redacted]

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[redacted] was employed by [redacted]  
[redacted] in Seattle, Washington, until [redacted]  
[redacted]. He has  
[redacted] and is currently living at [redacted]  
[redacted] Oregon. He is [redacted]

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[ ] described [ ] as being 5'7" in height, 155 pounds, medium build, medium brown hair, hazel eyes, DOB [ ]. He has never been arrested to her knowledge [ ]

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[ ] does not believe that the artist's drawings of the subject in this case resemble that of [ ]. She displayed a photograph of [ ], and he has [ ] hair. She does not believe that he has ever been involved in any criminal activity and is not the kind of person to be involved in this kind of activity.

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In view of the fact that the description of [ ] is not close to that of the subject in this case, and the photograph of him does not resemble that of the artist's drawing, no further investigation is being conducted in this matter.

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SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)(P)

2/26/74

SA [REDACTED]

NORJAK

Re memo of SA [REDACTED] 1/22/74.

On 1/31/74, [REDACTED] U. S. Post Office, Lakeview, Oregon, advised ROGER C. STROM is receiving mail at that post office in care of General Delivery; however, none of the employees know where STROM is residing or is employed.

On 1/31/74, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Lake County, Lakeview, Oregon, advised she could locate no credit record for ROGER C. STROM.

On 1/31/74, Records of the Pacific Power and Light Company, Lakeview, Oregon, were checked and it was determined that ROGER C. STROM was not receiving service from that company.

On 1/31/74, Sheriff DUANE DOW, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Lakeview, Oregon, advised ROGER C. STROM was unknown to him but stated he would attempt to locate him in order that he may be interviewed.

On 2/15/74, [REDACTED] Lakeview, Oregon, advised he had developed no new information regarding STROM.

On 2/15/74, Sheriff DUANE DOW, Lake County Sheriff's Office, advised he has developed no information regarding STROM nor has he determined where STROM is residing or is employed.

On 2/25/74, motels in the Lakeview area were canvassed, and it was determined that ROGER D. STROM was residing at Hunter's Lodge, N. Highway 395, Apt. 11, Lakeview, Oregon.

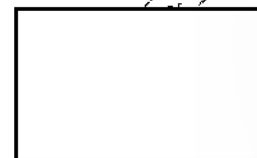
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and Salem Beach*

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On 2/25/74, ROGER CLIFFE STROM, Hunter's Lodge, N. Highway 395, Lakeview, Oregon, was interviewed and during this interview, STROM was extremely hostile and uncooperative. It was also noted during the interview, he was nervous and when shown the composite photograph of the individual known as D. B. COOPER, he kept stating it did not look like him, however, refused to look at the photograph directly.

STROM advised he is unemployed, however, would not state when his last employment was. STROM advised he did not recall exactly where he was on 11/24/71, but stated he was probably in the Depoe Bay or Lincoln City, Oregon area.

STROM stated he did not know who D. B. COOPER was nor did he know about any hijacking which occurred on a flight from Seattle, Washington, to Reno, Nevada. During the interview, STROM was advised that the individual known as D. B. COOPER boarded the flight at Portland, Oregon, flew to Seattle, Washington, where he hijacked the aircraft. STROM at that time stated he knew nothing about it; however, later in the interview, he stated that that was the guy who "went out the tailgate" although this information was not given to STROM by the Agent. Later in the interview, STROM also made the statement "You guys haven't gotten any of the money back yet, have you?"

It was noted during the interview STROM bears a great deal of resemblance to composite drawing of the individual known as D. B. COOPER. STROM has similar lines around the mouth and eyes as shown on the composite drawing. The nose appears identical, the chin is identical; however, STROM's lips are larger than on the composite drawing. It was also noted that STROM has a slight wave in his hair and parts it on the left as shown in the composite and his hair recedes back on both sides, however, is fuller in the front than that on the composite.

STROM denied ever using the name D. B. COOPER and further denied having any type of parachute training. STROM emphatically denied any involvement in the hijacking which occurred 11/24/71.

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STROM refused to furnish any background information regarding himself and merely stated that the FBI can check any records they want on him and get the information they need. When asked what his DOB was, he refused to furnish this; however, later, he took his driver's license out and handed it to the Agent and told Agent he could get all the information he needed off the license.

The following descriptive information regarding ROGER CLIFFE STROM was obtained through observation and interview:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6'
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Black with a small amount of gray, wavy, receding hair line on both left and right side, parts hair on left side
Eyes	Brown
DOB	2/20/31
POB	Seattle, Washington
Build	Slim
Complexion	Olive
Voice	Moderate with no accent
Other Characteristics	Has face wrinkles running from side of nose down to side of mouth; has face wrinkles around both left and right eyes; wears a wristwatch on left arm; nose is somewhat narrow, pointed

It was also noted that parked at the motel was a foreign model compact station wagon, make unknown, four-door, white in color which bore Oregon license FGV 137 which was previously determined to belong to STROM. This vehicle was observed to have a great many boxes in the back and it was also noted in STROM's motel unit, a large number of boxes laying about the area.



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Due to the number of similarities between ROGER CLIFFE STROM and the composite drawing of D. B. COOPER, a photograph should be obtained to show to witnesses for elimination purposes.

LEADS

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AT DEPOE BAY AND LINCOLN CITY, OREGON. Conduct criminal checks on ROGER CLIFFE STROM and attempt to obtain photograph.

AT SALEM, OREGON. Will check Oregon State Bureau of Criminal Identification in attempt to obtain photograph of ROGER CLIFFE STROM.

FBI

Date: 2/28/74

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (P)  
 SUBJECT: NORJAK  
 OO: Seattle

Re Los Angeles airtel to Portland and Seattle,  
 dated 1/14/74.

Re Suspect: [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]

Enclosed for Seattle and Portland are two copies  
 each of three documents:

1. Personality profile of [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], as taken in 1971.

2. Xeroxed copy of signature card at Bank of  
 America, 13700 Riverside Drive, Sherman Oaks, California,  
 containing signatures of [REDACTED]

3. Sheet of white paper containing xeroxed copy  
 of [REDACTED] as contained [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] at United California Bank (UCB), Los Angeles.

- 2 - Seattle (encl. 6)
- 1 - Minneapolis (164-73) (Info)
- ② - Portland (164-41)
- 1 - Sacramento (164-50) (Info)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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Approved: [Signature]  
 Special Agent in Charge

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On 1/10/74, [REDACTED]  
Bank of America, 13700 Riverside Drive, Sherman Oaks,  
California, made available a xeroxed copy of a signature  
card of a joint checking account maintained at this bank

On 2/26/74, [REDACTED], UCB, 600 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, made available for review the

Her date of birth was \_\_\_\_\_  
and Social Security Number as \_\_\_\_\_.

It was noted on [REDACTED]  
her date of birth was shown as [REDACTED]

These records

[redacted], San Francisco Headquarters, San Francisco, California, from [redacted]

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A notation on this form indicated

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ADIC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)

3/6/74

SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)(P)

NORJAK  
(OO: Seattle)

Re Los Angeles airtel to Seattle, 1/4/74.

RE SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]:

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On 1/14/74, a check was made of the Salem,  
Oregon Credit Bureau, and no record could be located for  
[REDACTED] under his true name or known aliases.

On 1/31/74, [REDACTED] photograph was shown to  
all employees of [REDACTED] and all advised that  
he was unfamiliar. [REDACTED] photograph was not shown to  
[REDACTED] inasmuch as he has previously advised he was  
acquainted with [REDACTED].

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On 1/31/74, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Salem, Oregon, advised that the photograph  
shown him of [REDACTED] was not familiar to him.

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On 3/4/74, [REDACTED] photograph was shown to  
[REDACTED] Dallas, Oregon,  
and he advised the photograph was not familiar to him.

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Portland has conducted all logical investigation  
to determine if [REDACTED] was engaged in any illegal activities  
in this area; however, should Los Angeles desire any additional  
investigation, it is requested that leads be set out in a  
separate file.

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The Portland Division of the FBI had developed information that [ ] had rented a 1971 Cougar on October 19, 1971 for a period of 1 month. He did not return the vehicle until February 14, 1972 and had accumulated only [ ] on the vehicle.

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At Bethel, Alaska

On February 27, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information to SA [ ]:

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As was his habit, when the construction season ended, [ ] flew from Alaska to Portland, Oregon in the Fall of 1971, to visit [ ]. He recalls that he rented a Cougar automobile in Portland, Oregon and caused quite a bit of consternation on the part of the rental company because he did not return the vehicle until mid-February, 1972. [ ] explained that he did not realize he was causing the trouble by keeping the car for an extended period of time and would not have done so had he realized this. Concerning credit cards, [ ] stated he did not utilize them and has no recollection of utilizing a credit card at the time he rented the Cougar. After obtaining the vehicle, [ ] made at least 5 trips between Portland and Coquille, Oregon, which is where [ ]. He stated that the one way distance between these 2 points is [ ] and feels that during the approximately 4 months that he had the Cougar, he must have put between [ ] miles on the vehicle. After visiting Coquille, he would travel back to Portland, where [ ], telephone [ ].

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[ ] could not explain why Hertz Rent-A-Car records would show that he only had [ ] on the vehicle, as he did not turn the speedometer back or disconnect it at any time while it was in his possession. He feels that he was charged for the use of many more miles than [ ].

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Concerning his source of money while visiting in Oregon on this occasion, [ ] displayed his savings account passbook at the St. Johns Branch, Security Bank of Oregon, 7410 North Chicago Avenue, Portland, Oregon, account number [ ]. This account had been opened on February 23, 1972,

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with an initial deposit [redacted]. Between March 10 and 16, 1972, [redacted]. He explained that the source of this money was from his personal checking account, which he had closed out at the First National Bank of Anchorage, Bethel Branch. He still has this savings account at the St. Johns Branch.

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[redacted] displayed his checking account record with the First National Bank of Anchorage, which indicated that the account contained as high as [redacted] at one time prior to 1972, and contained in excess of [redacted] when it was closed out in 1972.

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[redacted] explained he closed his checking account and deposited the money in the savings bank in Oregon as it was impossible for him to write checks on a Bethel, Alaska bank while he was visiting in Portland.

[redacted] recalls that he was living in Portland at the time of the hijacking of an aircraft by "D.B. COOPER". He recalls reading the newspaper articles of the hijacking, but denied that he has any personal knowledge of this matter.

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DESCRIPTION

Name:	[redacted]
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Place of Birth:	[redacted]
Height:	6 feet 1 inch
Weight:	170 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown, receding at the temples
Marital Status:	[redacted]
Social Security Account Number:	[redacted]
Complexion:	Fair
Build:	Slender
Occupation:	Heavy equipment operator
Home Telephone:	[redacted]

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

3/4/74

SAC, ANCHORAGE (164-59) (RUC)

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Re Portland airtel to Seattle, 12/4/73.

Enclosed herewith for Seattle and Portland is one copy each of an investigative insert reflecting interview with [redacted].

Based on physical observation of [redacted]  
[redacted], it is not felt that he resembles the physical description of the unknown subject in this matter.

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1 - Portland (Enc. 1) (Info)  
1 - Anchorage  
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SAC, PORTLAND (62-NEW) (P)

2/8/74

SA [REDACTED]

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INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(OO: Portland)

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On 2/6/74, [REDACTED], Valley News, 1121 Fairfield Street, Eugene, Oregon, furnished the following information:

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On the afternoon of 2/5/74, captioned subject came to [REDACTED] office in Eugene stating that he had highly confidential information he wished to discuss. The subject then told [REDACTED] that he knows the true identity of D. B. COOPER, who is responsible for hijacking an airplane during November of 1971. He told [REDACTED] he has been aware of COOPER's true identity for two years; however, has been afraid to disclose this information because he fears for his life. The subject then produced from his wallet a snapshot of a male individual and also produced a composite drawing of D. B. COOPER. He placed these in front of [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] noted a strong similarity between the man depicted in the photograph and the composite drawing of COOPER. [REDACTED] inquired as to the true identity of COOPER and the subject stated he could not disclose the information at this time; however, would be in contact with [REDACTED] within a day or two. He suggested that [REDACTED] contact him at Albany telephone number 926-2475. The subject told [REDACTED] that he had been the owner of Probst Flying Service in Albany and stated he became aware of COOPER's identity because of his connection with aviation.

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On 2/6/74, [REDACTED] telephoned subject at the above telephone number and subject agreed to meet with [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] in Eugene at 10:00 a.m., 2/7/74, at [REDACTED] office.

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On 2/7/74, SA [REDACTED] met with subject at [REDACTED] office, the Valley News. At the beginning of the interview, subject appeared entirely coherent and stated to SA [REDACTED]

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that he has known the true identity of D. B. COOPER for over two years. He further stated that he knows where the money from the hijacking is buried and could take SA [ ] to the location where COOPER disposed of a parachute. Upon further inquiry, subject stated that there are several people involved in the hijacking, including [ ]. He proceeded to state that the hijacking was masterminded by [ ] in Salem, Oregon, [ ] in Portland, Oregon, and [ ] in Seattle, Washington. These [ ] along with the individual who used the name D. B. COOPER, engineered the hijacking for several months before the incident actually occurred. He then stated he has been followed by FBI Agents for at least 1-1/2 years and stated they have ransacked his house in Albany, Oregon, on several occasions looking for his "files" which he has maintained on the hijacking and on one occasion they followed him all the way to Boston, Massachusetts, and back to Oregon. He also stated the Secret Service has been watching him during this period of time, as well as other federal law enforcement agencies. He stated [ ] the "Portland mob" and that the "Portland mob" is also involved in the hijacking. When asked to identify members of the "Portland mob," subject stated that SA [ ] is just as familiar with the members of the "Portland mob" as he is and there is no need for him to elaborate on the identity of these individuals. He claimed that the "Portland mob" and the FBI has made three attempts on his life in recent years. Part of the reasons for these attacks is because he learned a number of years ago that former President LYNDON JOHNSON was a queer. Subject stated that he is responsible for LYNDON JOHNSON deciding not to run for President in 1968. When asked how he is responsible for this, he stated that he wrote a detailed letter concerning his findings to the Mooney Aircraft Company. When asked how this prevented Mr. JOHNSON for running for President, he shouted in a loud voice, "If you can't see that, you're not much of an investigator." The subject then began to breathe heavily and talk excitedly. He said that he carries a gun at all times and keeps loaded weapons in his automobile and his residence. He stated if the people who are following him get much closer "there will be some lead flying." Subject continued to ramble on, talking in an incoherent manner. He repeatedly stated that he will shoot anybody who attempts to follow him.

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Subject stated he is a candidate for governor in the State of Oregon and has formerly filed for this position. He stated he has paid political advertisements on numerous radio stations in the state concerning his candidacy [redacted] advised that subject has in fact filed as a candidate for governor and has run numerous political advertisements during the past week on various radio stations, including KPNW radio in Eugene). Subject refused to display the photograph of the male individual he had shown to [redacted] on 2/5/74, who allegedly resembled the composite drawing of COOPER. He insisted he is currently conducting his own investigation concerning the hijacking and does not wish to relay any further information concerning this matter at the present time. He assured the interviewing agent, however, that he would not let COOPER get away.

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The subject is obviously mentally ill and should be considered armed and dangerous in view of his above statements. Following is a description of the subject:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	50 to 55
Height	Approximately 5'9"
Weight	100 to 195 pounds
Build	Heavy - stocky
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Address	Albany, Oregon (refused to furnish street address)
Telephone	926-2475

LEADS

PORTLAND

AT ALBANY, OREGON. Disseminate above information to local authorities.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (164-41)

DATE: 3/11/74

FROM : SA RALPH P. HIMMEL SBACH

SUBJECT: NORJAK

For information, on 3/8/74, [redacted]  
[redacted] Hollywood-Rose City Branch, First  
National Bank of Oregon, advised that she had received a telephone  
call from [redacted], telephone [redacted],  
to the effect that [redacted] JACK WEITZEL, 2020 N.E.  
60th Ave., had found 6 of the ransom bills in this case in money  
he received when cashing his Social Security check at that branch  
3/7/74.

On same date, WEITZEL, who is retired and very  
hard of hearing, advised he had clipped and kept the list of ransom  
bills printed in the Journal newspaper. About 3 weeks ago he threw  
the clippings away. On Monday, 3/4/74, he cashed his Social Security  
check at the above bank and received a number of \$20 bills. He  
decided to check the bills against the ransom list, and remembering  
he had thrown his copy away, he wrote down the numbers on his \$20  
bills on a slip of paper. He took this paper to [redacted],  
to call the bank to check them against the ransom list. [redacted] advised  
him that upon calling the bank, he learned the bills are on the ransom  
list.

[redacted] advised same date that when WEITZEL brought  
him the list of bills, he understood from him that the list was taken  
from the ransom list, that he, WEITZEL, had found 6 of the bills, and  
that he wanted the bank advised. [redacted] called the bank to advise  
them as requested by WEITZEL.

Numbers of the bills in WEITZEL's possession were  
checked against the ransom list and were found not to be listed.

In view of the misunderstanding between the two  
above [redacted] no further action with respect to this false  
report of the finding of ransom bills appears necessary.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

DATE: 3/12/74

FROM : SA GEORGE H. NG

SUBJECT: D. B. COOPER

On 3/12/74, [redacted]

[redacted] Oregon, telephone [redacted], advised she has information regarding D. B. COOPER and would like to talk an agent. She could not talk over the telephone because she is using a party line telephone.

Indices negative on [redacted].

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SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

3/22/74

SA [redacted]

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NORJAK

Re Portland memo of SA [redacted], 2/26/74.

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On 3/6/74, the following law enforcement agencies were contacted for any identifiable information with ROGER CLIFFE STROM, white male, born 2/20/31. Negative results were obtained:

Deputy [redacted]  
Marion County Sheriff's Office  
Salem, Oregon

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Salem Police Department  
Salem, Oregon

Lieutenant [redacted]  
Oregon State Police  
Salem, Oregon

On 3/11/74, Deputy [redacted], Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Newport, Oregon, stated their files contained no identifiable information with ROGER CLIFFE STROM.

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On 3/11/74, Deputy [redacted], Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Newport, Oregon, who handles law enforcement matters at Depot Bay, Oregon, stated the name ROGER CLIFFE STROM was not familiar to him. However, Deputy [redacted] stated a [redacted] resided in [redacted] Oregon, but [redacted]

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On 3/12/74, Chief of Police HENR KOEN, Lincoln City, Oregon, stated ROGER CLIFFE STROM was not identifiable with any individual in their files, nor was the name familiar to him.

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On 3/12/74, Investigator [redacted], Oregon State Police, Newport, Oregon, stated ROGER CLIFFE STROM [redacted]

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Efforts to contact [redacted] 3/12/74, at the [redacted] Oregon, and at her residence located [redacted] Oregon, met with negative results.

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On 3/12/74, Mrs. DAWNA REIMERS, Clerk, U. S. Postal Service, Lincoln City, Oregon, stated there was no record on ROGER CLIFFE STROM entering a forwarding address at Lincoln City, Oregon, during the past two years. REIMERS noted [redacted], Oregon.

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On 3/18/74, [redacted] Oregon, telephone [redacted], was interviewed at [redacted], [redacted] telephone [redacted] stated ROGER CLIFFE STROM [redacted]

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[redacted] stated ROGER was employed during 1971 as a truck driver for North American Van Lines. She added STROM lived [redacted] in Depot Bay during the time he was employed with North American. She added he received his trip schedules from the Portland Office of North American, and they would probably be able to advise if he was in travel status on 11/24/71. [redacted] stated she could not recall whether [redacted] was in Depot Bay, or Lincoln City, on 11/24/71.

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[redacted] thereafter related [redacted] was considered a near genius, who served in the U. S. Army during the 1940s, after which he was employed as an aircraft engineer at Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington. She stated STROM was a victim of the Boeing layoffs during 1967. [redacted] believed it was during this same period that ROGER [redacted] stated as a result of these problems, [redacted] was committed by [redacted] for mental health reasons to the Veterans Hospital, Seattle, Washington. She noted, however, his stay at the hospital was voluntary, and he was in a position to leave the hospital at any time he desired. [redacted] could not recall the period of his commitment.

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[redacted] stated [redacted] left his job with North American Van Lines during the summer of 1973. She described him as being a little eccentric, and in one particular area paranoid. She stated the latter was a result of ROGER's belief that people were attempting to poison him. She recalled there were incidents in restaurants where ROGER feared the food he was being served was poisoned. [redacted] further stated [redacted] was very frugal, and for considerable periods of time he survived on one dollar per day, although he had more funds available to him. She noted, however, that ROGER never got much money. [redacted] further recalled [redacted] was an individual who liked to stay in old motels during his travels. [redacted] was not aware of ROGER's current address. [redacted] stated ROGER was last seen during January, 1974, [redacted] who noticed him in an auto parts store in Lincoln City, Oregon. She stated [redacted] did not engage STROM in any conversation.

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[redacted] stated [redacted] had never mentioned the name D. B. COOPER, and never talked of the hijacking of the Northwest Orient aircraft, nor had he ever indicated the possession of a large sum of money. [redacted] did not believe [redacted] was capable of committing an act such as hijacking, and stated that although he was very protective of his activities, she felt him to be extremely honest. [redacted] added [redacted] to her knowledge, had never received instruction or training in parachuting or flying.

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[redacted] thereafter provided the following individuals [redacted]:

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Mother

A. J. STROM  
Riverview Terrace  
Spokane, Washington

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Seattle, Washington

[redacted]

Spokane, Washington



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[ ] stated there was an instance, date and location unrecalled, wherein [ ] went to visit ROGER at a tent site where he was residing somewhere in the Seattle, Washington area. [ ] stated, allegedly, ROGER came out of the tent with a gun and ordered [ ] off of his property.

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[ ] who believed she had a photograph of ROGER in one of her [ ] albums, stated she would attempt to locate it, and would thereafter provide it to the FBI.

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PORTLAND

AT SALEM, OREGON. Recontact [ ] and obtain photograph of ROGER CLIFFE STROM.

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AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Contact North American Van Lines and attempt to determine STROM's travel activities on 11/24/71.

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CAUTION: ~~SUBJECT~~ HAS BEEN COMMITTED FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND HAS DISPLAYED FIREARM WHEN ORDERING RELATIVES FROM HIS RESIDENCE.

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Date: 3/27/74

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (P)  
RE: NORJAK  
OO: Seattle

Enclosed for the Bureau are two fingerprints cards containing known finger and palm prints of [REDACTED] and one envelope containing known head hair samples of [REDACTED]

The enclosed items were furnished by the Glendale California Police Department on 3/26/74, following [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Previous investigation by the Los Angeles Division concerning [REDACTED] has revealed he disappeared under unusual circumstances a short time prior to the hijacking, has changed his name and appearance and was in the Portland, Oregon, area at the time this crime occurred. He should be considered a possible suspect in this matter.

The suspect, who declined to identify himself or sign the fingerprint cards at Glendale Police Department, is described as follows:

- 3 - Bureau (Encl 3) (RM)
- 2 - Las Vegas (164-60)
- ② - Portland (164-41)
- 2 - Seattle (164-81)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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DB Cooper-43014

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Name  
Aliases

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Race  
Sex  
Dates of birth

White  
Male

[Redacted]

Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair

5'11"  
160 pounds  
Blue  
Blonde, below shoulders  
in length

Social Security  
Account Number  
Residence

[Redacted]

Los Angeles, California

Prior residence

[Redacted]

Eugene, Oregon

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[Redacted]

Canoga Park, California

California drivers  
licenses

[Redacted]

Occupation

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Laboratory is requested to compare the human hair clipping removed from the seat on the victim aircraft which unsub is believed to have occupied, with the enclosed human hair samples. Las Vegas Division is being requested to resubmit the slides containing this hair clipping for microscopic comparison.

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The Identification Division is requested to compare the enclosed finger and palm prints of [redacted] [redacted] with unidentified latent prints in this matter.

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LAS VEGAS

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA: Resubmit to the FBI Laboratory the glass microscopic slide containing the hair clipping removed from the seat of the victim aircraft which was believed occupied by the unsub, so the Laboratory can make microscopic comparisons of enclosed hair clippings of [redacted].

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)  
ATTENTION: RALPH H. HIMMELSBACH

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NORJAK

DATE: 4/4/74

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Re memo from SA GEORGE H. NG to SAC, Portland,  
dated 3/12/74.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]:  
AT [REDACTED], OREGON

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On 3/14/74, two attempts were made to contact  
[REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. These  
attempts were negative.

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On the evening of 3/14/74, [REDACTED] was  
contacted telephonically.

An attempt was made to set up an appointment  
on the evening of 3/14/74, or in the day time on 3/15/74.  
[REDACTED] said that this would not be possible in view  
of the fact that during the daytime of 3/15/74, she would  
not be home in that she was going to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]; however, she stated that [REDACTED] would be  
at the residence and would be available for interview and  
further stated that [REDACTED] was aware of everything.

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On 3/15/74, [REDACTED], birth date [REDACTED],  
at [REDACTED], Oregon, furnished the following information  
that he thought was pertinent to the D.B. COOPER case.

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He advised that about [REDACTED] ago he was in the  
Y Cafe having coffee and he overheard an individual by the  
name of [REDACTED] talking about various hijackings.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] did discuss the D.B. COOPER  
hijacking, and that [REDACTED] was apparently well informed on  
the type of aircraft that COOPER hijacked.

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[ ] advised that [ ] stated that it would be impossible to parachute out of an airliner in the dark due to the lack of light which would destroy any depth perception that the jumper might have.

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[ ] thought that this information concerning the airplane and the fact that a man could not jump from the airplane should be brought to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM : *J. H. J.* SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
(CO: SE)

DATE: 4/5/74

Enclosed for Portland and Seattle is one copy each of a letter dated 4/3/74 signed by James H. Woodside, Sr., who indicates he believes one [REDACTED], who lives in the Portland, Oregon area, could be a suspect in captioned matter.

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The enclosed letter is self-explanatory and it is believed that Woodside is talking about NORJAK even though he refers to it as the "United Air Lines Job".

## PORTLAND

### AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Will, through logical sources, conduct appropriate inquiry regarding [REDACTED] which will identify, or eliminate him as person responsible for captioned matter.

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② - Portland (Encl. 1)  
2 - Seattle (164-81) (Encl. 1)  
2 - Sacramento  
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*J. H. J.*



5820 Fair Oaks Blvd., #139  
Carmichael, Calif. 95608  
April 3rd 1974.

Federal Building  
2800 Cottage Way  
Sacramento, Calif. 95825

The attached is presented at the request of United  
Air Lines [redacted]

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The writer was a resident of Portland, Oregon, [redacted]  
[redacted] when I returned to California, after retireing  
with forty-five years with a large international food  
processing company.

Residing in [redacted]  
[redacted] the writer and [redacted]  
[redacted] now living in Sacramento  
[redacted] in San Jose, California. Now a widower I am  
here in Carmichael.

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[redacted] mentioned in the attached [redacted]  
[redacted]

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In May of 1969 Mrs. Woodside and I were in a serious  
auto accident near Klamath Falls, returning to Portland  
after seeing [redacted] on our way to Europe.  
Mrs. Woodside was killed out right and the writer was in  
the hospital in San Jose for eleven months so lost most  
all contact with our Portland friends.

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I do not recall when the United Air Lines Job was done  
however, I had plenty of time to read about it at the time  
and the attached always comes to mind when I read about  
such things or I go to various airports.

DB Cooper-43020

Sincerely yours,

James M. Woodside Sr.

JMW/w



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[redacted]  
[redacted] United States Air Force, originally from Seattle, Washington  
After W.Wall he was stationed at Portland Air base until [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted]  
Taverns were at their peak at this time in Portland and the  
Shuffle Inn was the best in the area, a good neighborhood  
and a gathering place for the pilots and crew of the Portland  
Air Base. They did a very good business until about 1955 as  
things were pretty wide open, punchboards, dice, cards and  
pinball machines. About this time the government had a national  
drive on "Bookies" they were picked up and busted [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted]  
He lived with [redacted] in  
[redacted]. My last  
known address was [redacted] Portland, Oregon. This was  
[redacted]

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A man about town, a big spender, well acquainted every where.

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[redacted]  
As I recall he made several trips United air Lines to S.F.  
and return, this was in the early or mid 60's

Believe he had [redacted] in S. F.

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Also a [redacted] whose name I only recall as [redacted]

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[redacted] former Air Force crew member [redacted]

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[redacted] I do not know his present address but am sure he is still in Portland.

[redacted]  
present address is [redacted], Portland, Oregon.  
Apt# 305.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] He is thoroughly familiar with the entire Oregon terrain, especially, [redacted] and all of eastern section of the state. [redacted]  
[redacted] I can not think of anyone better qualified to do the United Air Lines job. [redacted]  
[redacted]

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One thing I might mention [redacted]  
[redacted]

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As for [redacted] having help in the United job that would certainly be no problem with him as he was well known every where and the personality that you could not help but liking which was of considerable help at all times.

His present occupation I do not know as I have not been in Portland since 1971. however, he is still in the Portland are.

4/5/74

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (154-2111)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (154-60) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
OO: Seattle

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau, 3/27/74.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory is one glass slide containing hairs which were obtained from the seat of the aircraft where the hijacker was sitting.

The Bureau Laboratory is requested to conduct examination set forth in referenced airtel.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)  
1 - Los Angeles (154-497)(Info)  
① - Portland (154-41)(Info)  
1 - Seattle (154-81)(Info)  
1 - Las Vegas  
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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

4/12/74

SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

NORJAK  
(OO:Seattle)

RE: RAYMOND TORREY HEALD  
SUB #278  
DOB 3/30/39

Investigation at Ashland, Oregon, by SA [redacted] disclosed RAYMOND TORREY HEALD was arrested 6/22/72, by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office for criminal activity in drugs. On 12/6/72, HEALD pled guilty. He is described as follows:

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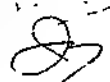
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
DOB	3/30/39
POB	Attleboro, Massachusetts
Age	35 years
Height	5'11"
Weight	200 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Tattoos	Right forearm "Who Me," "A.F. Airborne"

HEALD's wife, RITA RUTH HEALD, was arrested at the same time. She is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Female

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(2-Portland)

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DB Cooper 43025

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Nationality	American
DOB	10/24/31
Age	42 years
Height	5'3"
Weight	123 pounds
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Blonde

A photograph of HEALD was obtained, and he was eliminated as a suspect in NORJAK due to the fact his description does not fit description of D. B. COOPER as furnished by witnesses during NORJAK.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (164-41)

DATE: 4/17/74

FROM : SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re memo of SA [REDACTED], dated 4/4/74.

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Referenced memo sets forth information from a complainant that one [REDACTED] Eugene, Oregon, was well informed regarding this matter.

For information, Sgt. [REDACTED], Lane County Sheriff's Office, Eugene, Oregon, recently advised that [REDACTED] [REDACTED], has been interested in the case since its occurrence, has followed all news accounts available to him, and has formed a theory of how the hijacking was done. [REDACTED] has even [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] As a matter of possible interest, [REDACTED] obtained a copy [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and furnished it to the writer to review. The [REDACTED]

which do not take into consideration facts which are known to Bureau investigators.

The above [REDACTED] was returned to [REDACTED] to return to [REDACTED].

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The name [REDACTED] should be indexed to this serial. No further action appears necessary.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/15/74

[redacted]  
[redacted] Los Angeles, California, was interviewed  
[redacted] Los Angeles,  
the Office of Attorney [redacted] who was  
present.

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SA's C. ROBERT STRANGER and [redacted]  
identified themselves to [redacted] as Special  
Agents of the FBI and [redacted] was furnished an  
"Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form by SA STRANGER.  
Upon reading the contents of the form [redacted] deferred  
to his attorney who advised him not to sign, however,  
Attorney [redacted] added that his client would answer questions  
concerning his whereabouts during the hijacking of a Northwest  
Orient plane in November 1971.

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[redacted] stated that on or about November 21, 1971,  
[redacted]  
[redacted]. He had decided to get away from  
everything, having first thought he would go south, perhaps  
to Texas, but then decided to return to the general area  
of the "old stamping grounds" in Oregon and Washington. He  
added that he had no specific destination in mind but had  
decided to pass on through Medford, Oregon, where he was  
well known since [redacted] in that area  
in [redacted]. He had thought of driving directly  
to Seattle, Washington, but later decided to try to  
get a job [redacted] in the Eugene or Portland,  
Oregon area.

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He stated that on the day [redacted]  
[redacted] just south of Redondo Beach,  
California. he had taken [redacted]  
to the [redacted] located  
near Victory and Olive in Burbank, California. This is  
the dealership where he had purchased this car several  
days earlier. While the car was being serviced he had  
stayed at a motel in Burbank, name unrecalled, but believes  
located at the corner of [redacted] in Burbank. He  
stated he would have registered under the name of [redacted]  
at this motel the night prior to departing for the Washington-  
Oregon area. He believes this would have been the night of  
November 21, 1971.

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Interviewed on 4/10/74 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 164-497

SA's [redacted] and  
by C. ROBERT STRANGER/crs/svy

Date dictated 4/15/74

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About noon on the day of November 22, 1971, he had picked up his car at [redacted]. He recalls the car had [redacted] on it at the time. He traveled north on Interstate 5 to Sacramento, California, arriving in that city on the night of November 22, 1971. He stayed at a motel in Northern Sacramento, California, and recalls the motel was just a few blocks west of Interstate 5 across from a Standard Gas Station. He paid cash for one nights lodging at this motel.

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The following day, on November 23, 1971, he drove to Eugene, Oregon, where he went to a motel called the "Town" or "Townhouse" motel located on a one way street going north in Eugene. He believes this street was a numbered street, possibly 6th or 7th Street in Eugene.

[redacted] recalls he spent the night of November 23, 1971, at this motel where he had consulted the yellow pages of the telephone directory and made several telephone calls

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[redacted]  
He stated this was not too unusual as [redacted] often have an opening and will hire someone with experience if they know they are available in the area.

The following date, on November 24, 1971; he proceeded into Portland, Oregon. He believes he stayed in a motel in Portland from two to five days and recalls having Thanksgiving dinner alone in a restaurant in Portland.

He described the motel he stayed in at Portland as being about five miles south of Portland City Center on Southwest Barber Boulevard (old highway 99). He described the motel as a large two story building with a large bowling alley located on the same lot as the motel. The motel and bowling alley were located on the west side of Barber Boulevard and the bowling alley is on a corner where two streets intersect.

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[ ] stated he probably registered in the motel [ ] but possibly as [ ]. He added that he probably would not have put down an accurate description of his car but would have put some variation of the car description on the motel registration form such as [ ]. He added that for an address he would have probably used some variation of his old home address of [ ] Los Angeles, California, such as [ ] Los Angeles."

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[ ] continued stating he paid cash at all the motels, was alone at all times and remembered becoming involved in a discussion with a woman at the motel in Eugene about commercial rates. He believes he told the woman he was with [ ] so he could qualify for a commercial rate.

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Attorney [ ] intervened when [ ] was questioned concerning the reasons for his actions or why [ ] MARGARET SILKWOOD had denied knowledge of his whereabouts or wellbeing during previous interviews. [ ] stated that [ ] MARGARET SILKWOOD has advised she wants nothing more to do [ ]. Attorney [ ] advised that [ ] responses to questions concerning reasons for his actions would be [ ]

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[ ] stated he had absolutely no knowledge whatsoever concerning the hijacking of a Northwest Orient Airline plane in November 1971, other than what he had learned of the incident through the media. He stated he had never parachuted in his life although once while learning to fly in Medford, Oregon, ten years ago, he had watched some sky divers perform in a local airport and he was tempted to try.

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He stated he would be willing to take a polygraph examination to establish the truthfulness of his statements concerning his knowledge of the hijacking..

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
OO: Seattle

DATE: 4/16/74

Re Los Angeles airtel to Seattle dated 2/28/74.

Enclosed for Seattle and Portland are two copies of an FD-302 containing results of interview of [REDACTED].

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RE [REDACTED]

During the course of previous investigation by the Los Angeles Division it had been ascertained that [REDACTED] possessed three current California Driver's Licenses under three different names.

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On 3/26/73, the Glendale, California, Police Department concerning [REDACTED] While in custody of the Glendale Police Department Bureau agents attempted to interview [REDACTED], at which time he was completely uncooperative, refusing to make any statements or to admit his identity until he had consulted with an attorney.

Finger and palm prints and head hair samples were furnished by the Glendale Police Department and were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory on 3/27/74, for comparison with hair samples and unidentified latent prints found on the aircraft.

On 4/10/74, arrangements were made with Attorney [REDACTED], to interview [REDACTED] presence.

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- 2- Seattle (Enc. 2)
- 2- Portland (164-41) (Enc. 2)
- 2- Los Angeles

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[redacted] furnished an itinerary from the time of [redacted] in Redondo Beach, California, on November 21, 1971, through his arrival in Portland, Oregon on November 24, 1971.

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PORTLAND

AT EUGENE, OREGON: (1) Will attempt to locate Town or Townhouse Motel located on a one way street going north probably 6th or 7th Street in Eugene and ascertain if they possess records for November 23-24, 1971. Through these records attempt to corroborate information provided by [redacted] that he spent the night of November 23, at this motel in Portland, Oregon.

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(2) Attempt to locate a large two story motel approximately five miles south of downtown Portland on Southwest Barber Boulevard located on the same lot with a large bowling alley. The bowling alley is reportedly on the west side of Barber Boulevard on a corner where a street intersects Barber Boulevard.

(3) Will ascertain if records are available indicating [redacted] as either [redacted] registered at that motel on November 24, 1971.

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(4) Through registration records and telephone records attempt to establish [redacted] whereabouts at 2:00 pm on November 24, 1971, it being noted that unknown subject purchased one way ticket to Seattle at Portland International Airport at 2:00 pm on November 24, 1971.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 4/24/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NORJAK

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Re my memo dated 3/22/74.

On 4/10/74, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Oregon. was interviewed at [REDACTED] Oregon.  
[REDACTED] stated she was unable to locate a photograph  
of [REDACTED] ROGER CLIFF STROM, nor had she  
seen him since she last talked to the FBI.

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[REDACTED] was displayed artist's conceptions  
of D. B. COOPER where upon she advised [REDACTED]  
in her opinion, does not appear at all similar to the  
drawings. She reiterated it was her belief ROGER STROM  
was not capable of committing an act such as the hijacking  
of 11/24/71.

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The setting of further leads to identify ROGER  
CLIFF STROM or obtain a photograph through other relatives  
is being left to the discretion of the Case Agent.

STROM HAS BEEN COMMITTED FOR MENTAL HEALTH  
PROBLEMS AND HAS DISPLAYED FIREARM WHEN ORDERING RELATIVES  
FROM RESIDENCE.

②-Portland

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (164-41)

DATE: 4/23/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NORJAK

IDENT. #118

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On 4/23/74, E. ALLEN PROPST, 253 Scravel Hill Road, Albany, Oregon, telephone 926-2475, was contacted at 1121 Fairfield Street, Eugene, Oregon, where he volunteered the following information:

PROPST advised that when he was previously interviewed by SA [REDACTED] approximately two months ago concerning captioned matter, he hesitated to trust SA [REDACTED] and, therefore, withheld information as to the true identity of D. B. COOPER. Since that time he has "checked out" [REDACTED] and feels he can now put his trust in the FBI. He stated COOPER is identical to the following individual:

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Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Age: About [REDACTED]  
Height: Approximately 5'10"  
Weight: 160 pounds  
Hair: Dark brown  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Oregon.

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PROPST has known [REDACTED] for several years and advised

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of the following described individual:

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Name: LEE SITTON  
Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Nationality: American  
Age: 45-46  
Height: 5'10" - 6'  
Build: Medium  
Hair: Dark brown

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SITTON operates a flight service from an airfield which is located on PROPST's ranch at 253 SE Scravel Hill Road, Albany. SITTON has operated this flying service for several years.

During the past several years, SITTON frequently

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[redacted]. At this point, PROPST produced a photograph which he claims is a photograph of [redacted]. The person depicted in this photograph bears a very definite resemblance to the composite drawing of D. B. COOPER. PROPST made this photo available to SA [redacted], and the photo has been retained.

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Approximately [redacted],  
[redacted] contacted PROPST [redacted]

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brought in a backhoe and dug a deep hole in the ground.  
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[redacted] a white female, [redacted], lives in [redacted]. Mr. PROPST stated that on one occasion [redacted] told [redacted] [redacted] PROPST noted that [redacted] should not be contacted concerning [redacted] as she would not be cooperative and it would [redacted]. He stated [redacted] is in some way associated with [redacted] [redacted] Oregon, and has obtained various types of electronic apparatus [redacted] in the past.

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Based on the above facts and the fact that [redacted] looks exactly like the composite drawing of COOPER, PROPST concludes [redacted] is identical to COOPER. While furnishing the above information, he rambled about former President LYNDON JOHNSON having connections with the "Portland mob" and further claimed that [redacted] were involved in the hijacking of captioned matter, including [redacted] [redacted] in Seattle, Washington.

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PROPST has furnished a great deal of further incoherent unrelated information. It is believed that PROPST is extremely mentally unstable and that the above information is highly questionable. It is believed, however,

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that a limited amount of investigation should be conducted concerning [ ] to determine his current whereabouts, employment and financial status. Also, consideration should be given to displaying a photograph of [ ] to witnesses in captioned matter.

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AT [ ] OREGON. Conduct above investigation re [ ]

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AT EUGENE, OREGON. Will maintain contact with E. ALLEN PROPST who requested to be recontacted in this matter by SA [ ]

(PROPST advised that he can be contacted at above telephone number, 926-2475, and the caller should state that "his order at the bakery is ready." PROPST will then call the FBI in Eugene as he is certain that his telephone is tapped.)



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 5/13/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 5/13/74, E. ALLEN PROPST, 253 Scravel Hill Road, Albany, Oregon, telephone 926-2475, telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] at the Eugene Resident Agency and furnished the following information:

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Since interviewed by SA [REDACTED] on 4/23/74, Mr. PROPST has determined that the \$200,000 in \$20 bills from captioned hijacking is definitely buried near a building on his ranch at 253 Scravel Hill Road, Albany. PROPST states he now wants this matter brought out into the open and wanted to know the status of investigation by the Bureau since the previous interview. He stated he will grant his permission for the FBI to dig up the money on his ranch and wants to be contacted immediately so that these arrangements can be made. He stated he wants to be contacted by an Agent on the morning of 5/14/74, and he will show the Agent where he believes the money is buried. He will assist the Bureau in attempting recovery of this money.

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PROPST stated he feels he will need protection once the digging starts as the subject, [REDACTED], will be alerted when the digging starts, and [REDACTED] will take action against him.

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Case Agent review all information furnished by PROPST to date and determine whether or not he should be contacted on the morning of 5/14/74.

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for [REDACTED]*

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AT EUGENE, OREGON. Will maintain contact with PROPST.

AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Will review information furnished by PROPST and determine whether or not contact should be made with this individual.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 5/20/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NORJAK

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On 5/17/74, SA's [REDACTED] contacted E. ALLEN PROPST, 253 Scravel Hill Road, Albany, Oregon, telephone 926-2475, at the T & R Restaurant, Albany, Oregon. PROPST then escorted Agents to his ranch at the above address, which consists of approximately 80 acres, located directly east of Albany, Oregon.

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PROPST's ranch is located east of Scravel Hill Road and directly north of Oregon Highway 20. An aircraft runway, approximately 2,000 feet in length is located on PROPST's ranch. A small flying service is also on the ranch, which belongs to LEE SITTON, who rents from PROPST.

PROPST's residence faces Scravel Hill Road and is only a short distance from the roadway. Approximately 200 yards east of his residence is located a concrete block garage and a house trailer. PROPST directed the Agents to the concrete block garage and pointed an area next to the west side of the garage stating this is where [REDACTED] dug a deep hole in the ground, approximately [REDACTED].

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PROPST also took the above Agents to a location at the south end of the aircraft runway and pointed to an area at the end of the runway stating that [REDACTED] had also done some digging in this area with a backhoe. He then took the above Agents to another location near an aircraft hanger approximately 200 yards southeast of his residence and stated that [REDACTED] had also done some digging in this location.

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During interview, PROPST rambled and stated that the Portland "mob" was responsible for the assassination of President KENNEDY, and stated that President JOHNSON had two aviators assassinated at one time because President

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JOHNSON's wife, LADYBIRD, had an interest in the Mooney Aircraft Company. When asked to elaborate on these facts PROPST rambled and could not give the interviewing Agents a reason as to why he had the above suspicions.

PROPST is extremely difficult to interview as he is obviously mentally unstable. It was ascertained during the interview, however, that he feels [redacted] is identical to D. B. COOPER for the following reasons:

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- (1) [redacted] looks exactly like the composite drawing of D. B. COOPER.

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- (2) [redacted]

- (3) [redacted]

It appears that the above reasons are the only reasons that PROPST suspects [redacted].

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PROPST stated that he is extremely busy running for Governor of Oregon on a Democratic ticket, and mentioned that he feels that his investigation into the D.B. COOPER matter will greatly assist his campaign when it becomes public knowledge that he was the man responsible for the solution of this case.

PROPST indicated he will in some way make it public knowledge that he has conducted this investigation and will utilize the information he has developed to further his political ambitions.

The area pointed out by PROPST, where he alleges [redacted] does not show any recent sign of digging. The area does not have any grass growing, and it is possible that digging did take place in this location at one time. The area surrounding the alleged

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location of the hole dug by [ ] is a grassy area.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

[ ] It is recommended that a photograph of [ ] be shown to witnesses in captioned matter, and that a limited amount of investigation be conducted concerning [ ] to determine his current whereabouts, employment, and financial status.

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In the event this investigation is positive, and indicates that [ ] is a logical suspect, arrangements should be made to dig the site up where PROPST alleges [ ]

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AT ALBANY, OREGON. Conduct investigation re the current whereabouts of [ ], his employment, and financial status as set forth in previous leads.

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AT EUGENE, OREGON. Maintain contact with E. ALLEN PROPST, 253 Scravel Hill Road, Albany, Oregon.

AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Arrange for display of photo of [ ] to appropriate witnesses.

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

of the

**IDENTIFICATION DIVISION****LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. 164-41  
FBI FILE NO. 164-2111  
LATENT CASE NO. A-45410

May 15, 1974

TO: SAC, Portland

RE: NORJAK

REFERENCE: Airtel 12-21-71 and Buairtel 1-4-72  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Portland  
SPECIMENS:

The fingerprints of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], which were submitted for elimination purposes in this case, have served their purpose and are enclosed for your disposition.

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*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley, Director

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Date: 6/4/74

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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 FROM: <sup>JEM</sup> SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)  
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is a suspect in this matter because he reportedly , Washington area recently and he supposedly resembles the artist's conception of UNSUB in this matter.

is described as follows:

Name	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 25px; vertical-align: middle;"></span>
Alias	
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 80px; height: 15px; vertical-align: middle;"></span>
Height	5'9" - 6'
Weight	190 lbs.
Hair	Curly or wavy, brown, receding
Complexion	Fair
Characteristics	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 25px; vertical-align: middle;"></span>
Eyes	Blue

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On 4/25/74

[redacted] Spokane, Washington, advised she has no idea where [redacted] is. She was advised of the nature of this investigation and stated she believed [redacted] was [redacted]

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[redacted] Oregon, in 11/71. She stated [redacted] at Salem, Oregon [redacted]

[redacted] at the time of the hijacking in 1971.

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AT SALEM, OREGON

Will attempt to determine if suspect [redacted] was working on 11/24/71. If it is determined [redacted] was not working or his whereabouts cannot be positively established, the Portland Division is requested to obtain all background information on [redacted] that might produce information useful in processing [redacted] as a suspect in this matter.

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SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

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Re Portland letter to Seattle dated 4/12/74.

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On 5/31/74, MVR, Salem advised Oregon license registered to RICHARD LEE  Ashland, Oregon. RICHARD LEE WALLER's DOB is 2/20/34.

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On 5/31/74, and 6/3/74, investigation at Ashland, Oregon, by SA  disclosed that RICHARD LEE WALLER is a businessman residing in Ashland, Oregon, and he is described as a WMA, 5' 9", 145 pounds, brown hair, slight build, 40 years of age.

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Lt.  Ashland, Oregon, Police Department, advised he is acquainted with RICHARD LEE WALLER and he is not identical to composite drawing of D. B. COOPER.

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To: J. J. Lee  
From: J. J. Lee  
Date: 6/6/74

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SEATTLE AND ATLANTA MAY 10, 1978.

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, DAVE WALLACE, ABC  
NEWS, ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT THE DIRECTOR ON MAY 10, 1978,  
REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER. ON THE SAME DATE, WALLACE WAS  
CONTACTED BY INSPECTOR [REDACTED], PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
OFFICE, AND WAS ADVISED THAT WALLACE AND ONE OF HIS ASSISTANTS,  
NORMAN GOREN, HAD BEEN INVESTIGATING THE COOPER CASE FOR THE  
PAST SIX MONTHS. THEY HAD TALKED TO NUMEROUS PEOPLE AND HAD  
FILMED INTERVIEWS WITH STEWARDSEEN AND PASSENGERS WHO WERE

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IN A POSITION TO KNOW THE DETAILS OF COOPER'S ACTIVITIES AND  
TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF COOPER. CO. 11, RECEIVED TO BY  
WALLACE, IS BELIEVED IDENTICAL TO ERNA J. COFFELT, WHITE MALE,  
DOB FEBRUARY 20, 1910, CARTRAGE, MISSOURI, FBI NO. 09 100 3545.

DURING COURSE OF THEIR INVESTIGATION THEY HAVE DEVELOPED  
SUSPECT, ONE JACK COFFELT, NOW DECEASED. ACCORDING TO WALLACE,  
WHEN COFFELT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT HE, COFFELT, WAS D. D.  
COOPER. [REDACTED] HAD TOLD COFFELT'S STORY TO A FALL-LANCE WRITER  
BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] AND CBS WAS TALKED TO [REDACTED] AND  
PRESUMABLY [REDACTED]. WALLACE SAID THAT THEIR INTERVIEW OF ONE OF  
THE STEWARDESSES WAS DISCLOSED THAT SHE IDENTIFIED A PICTURE OF  
COFFELT AS D. D. COOPER; HOWEVER, SHE CLAIMS THIS PHOTOGRAPH  
WAS NEVER SHOWN TO HER BY THE FBI. CBS WAS ALSO INTERVIEWED A  
PASSENGER WHO SAID THE FBI DID SHOW HIM A PICTURE OF COFFELT  
WHICH HE IDENTIFIED AS COOPER BUT THE FBI NEVER FOLLOWED UP  
WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION.

WALLACE CLAIMS THAT CBS HAS LEARNED THAT A TEST FLIGHT  
PERFORMED FOR THE BUREAU DETERMINED THAT WHEN THE REAR DOOR OF  
THE PLANE WAS LET DOWN THE CABIN PRESSURE IN THE PLANE DROPPED.

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THIS EVENT OCCURRED DURING THE ACTUAL FLIGHT WITH COOPER AND THIS WAS ONE OF THE REASONS BY WHICH THE CREW DETERMINED THE APPROXIMATE AREA THAT COOPER JUMPED FROM THE PLANE. COE SAYS THEY HAVE TALKED TO OFFICIALS OF THE JETLIN AIRCRAFT CORPORATION AND THEY SAY THAT A DROP OF CABIN PRESSURE, SUCH AS OCCURRED, WOULD NOT BE APPARENT TO THE CREW.

CBS HAS TALKED TO SA RALPH KIMMELBACH WHO HAS BEEN THE CASE AGENT ON THE NORJAN CASE FOR THE PORTLAND OFFICE SINCE 1971 AND TO SAC JOHN REED OF THE SEATTLE OFFICE. WALLACE FURTHER STATED THAT WHEN COFFELY WAS IN PRISON IN ATLANTA THE ONLY PERSON TO VISIT HIM WAS THE SAC IN THE ATLANTA OFFICE. IN ADDITION THEY HAVE DEVELOPED SOME INFORMATION THAT COFFELY KNEW J. EDGAR HOOVER AND SENATOR ROBERT HUMPHREY.

CBS HAS INTERVIEWED SA RALPH KIMMELBACH, THE CASE AGENT IN PORTLAND, AND SAC JOHN REED IN SEATTLE. WALLACE CONTINUED THAT HIS QUESTIONS CONCERNING COFFELY WERE NOT COMPLETELY ANSWERED BY EITHER KIMMELBACH OR REED AND IT IS HIS FEELING THAT THE RELUCTANCE OF THE BUREAU TO TALK ABOUT COFFELY LEADS CBS TO BELIEVE THAT HE WAS EITHER AN INFORMANT OR HIS ASSOCIATIONSHIP WITH J. EDGAR HOOVER AND ROBERT HUMPHREY PRECLUDED

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ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION OF COFFELT.

WALLACE ADVISED INSPECTION [REDACTED] RE: COFFELT'S QUESTION  
THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CHECKED A - THAT IS, "WHY IS THE  
FBI SO CERTAIN THAT JACK COFFELT IS NOT D. B. COOPER?"

LEADS:

RECEIVING OFFICES ARE TO REVIEW APPROPRIATE FILES FOR  
INFORMATION REGARDING QUESTIONS RAISED BY WALLACE, AND THERE-  
AFTER SUTEL RESULTS TO INCLUDE DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC  
COMMUNICATIONS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO FBIHQ  
CONTAINING THE ANSWERS.

IN ADDITION, ATLANTA IS TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL  
AT THE U. S. PENITENTIARY AND ASCERTAIN DATES ON WHICH DANIEL  
COFFELT WAS INCARCERATED, ALONG WITH OTHER PENITENT BACKGROUND  
INFORMATION.

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this matter had been discussed with FBIHQ, cooperation with CBS had not been authorized. I personally spoke with Supervisor [redacted], who indicated that MIKE WALLACE had called him on a number of occasions regarding the possibility of a show and that the Bureau had approved Portland and later Seattle, as Office of Origin, being contacted by GORIN. I returned GORIN's call and informed him of the above and it was agreed to meet on 5/5/78 at my office.

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Mr. GORIN came to my office at the appointed hour and for approximately the next 1½ to 2 hours, he spoke with myself, SA [redacted], who is the Case Agent in this investigation, and SA [redacted], who is the Media Representative for the Seattle Office.

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GORIN indicated he had spoken at length with SA HIMMELSBACH, whom he described as being the "Case Agent", concerning background information about captioned matter. I first informed GORIN of the administrative breakdown of an investigation as to Office of Origin, Case Agent, Lead Agent, etc., and that in this investigation, the Case Agent was SA [redacted] and that the Lead Agent in the Portland Division was SA HIMMELSBACH. I then made available to GORIN, a copy of the case summary contained in ReButel dated 5/5/78 and explained to him the necessity of keeping a certain amount of "identifiers" confidential as this was a pending investigation. GORIN asked a multitude of questions dealing with: specific comments of the Unsub; the denominations of money that he wanted; type(s) of parachutes asked for and received; any comments he made to stewardesses; etc. In a number of these areas, it was necessary, for the reasons stated above, to merely reply "no comment", and again refer to the fact that this was a pending investigation and we needed certain information kept confidential to either prove or disprove that a particular individual is or is not the Unsub.

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Being perfectly candid, it was obvious that GORIN was not entirely pleased with his trip to Seattle and referred to information that he had received from SA HIMMELSBACH of the Portland Office and the fact that he had been so frequently quoted in the news media. I informed Mr. GORIN that

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probably too much information had already been released but this was a most unusual case. I also suggested that perhaps "60 Minutes" could do a positive story about all of the other hijacking cases which we had solved rather than a negative story about one which is still being investigated. I pointed out that this is an on-going investigation which has gone into the background of almost 950 suspects with approximately 910 of them being cleared and that this information is contained in almost 100 volumes of files.

He implied that we had fully cooperated with other news media representatives in this matter to which I replied that insofar as I was concerned, we had given all of the representatives about the same information. I also brought to his attention the fact that the last time the FBI had cooperated with "60 Minutes", one of the narrators had insisted on an interview with CLARENCE M. KELLEY, the then Director of the FBI, immediately after he had suffered a great personal tragedy. I commented that this interview was supposed to summarize Mr. KELLEY's thoughts on the Bureau, the changes which he had instituted, morale, etc., and that after granting the interview, which covered a period of about 2½ hours (actual time believed to be closer to 4½ hours), not one second of the interview was contained in the show. I told GORIN that in my opinion, his program lost a lot of credibility among Bureau personnel because of such action. At that point, he jokingly held his hands up as if in surrender and indicated that he had nothing to do with that particular program.

I further pointed out to GORIN that no matter how much "60 minutes" wished to theorize, take things out of context, "vice over-ride" my statements or any other Bureau representative, it was in their power to either make us look good or bad on this investigation and that we had no recourse or platform to publicly rebutt any misquotes, incorrect inferences, etc. I noted, however, that the bottom line, insofar as this or any other investigation in which the Bureau is involved, is to be able to prove or disprove either a suspect is or is not identical with the Unsub and that if we release all of our "Identifiers" to the general public through the news media, it becomes virtually impossible to prove the case in a court of law.

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In summary, GORIN, I am sure, expected to virtually be given a free hand in this matter but I feel certain that he understands our position. In all honesty, we cooperated with him as much as we could and gave him no more but no less than we have given any other media representative. He was furnished the name of the author of a locally written book about the case ("The Ballad of D.B. Cooper - Skyjacker" by EMMETT WATSON), and furnished the identity of [REDACTED] [REDACTED], of Malibu, California, who had previously done a discreet inquiry for Warner Brothers about the person, JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, who has been alleged to be the Unsub in this case.

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For the information of the Bureau, JAMES BRYANT COFFELT has previously served time in a number of prisons and while [REDACTED] During their prison association and subsequent to their release, COFFELT, who is now deceased, apparently [REDACTED] to believe that he was actually D.B. COOPER. Extensive investigation by the Bureau has virtually eliminated COFFELT as being the Unsub; however, [REDACTED] have worked with [REDACTED] (who was described as a freelance writer, formerly associated with CBS in Los Angeles, California), in preparing a script/story based on [REDACTED] interpretation of what COFFELT told him. Apparently considerable money has changed hands in the obtaining of the story and preparation of the script with COFFELT trying to [REDACTED] in turn, got money from [REDACTED] As recently as last month, United Press International reported a story raising the question that D.B. COOPER was involved in the assassination of Rev. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. It is felt that such sensational allegations will continue to emanate from [REDACTED] and his associates in order to try to get the NORJAK case on "60 Minutes" or some other TV Show. For the information of the Bureau, NBC also considered using the COFFELT story but declined it unofficially because it did not believe COFFELT was the Unsub.

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#### OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

With regard to Portland Airtel, it is not felt that there is any point in dissecting that communication and rehashing its inferences. Suffice it to say that this matter has personally been discussed by me with the SAC in Portland, who

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agrees that this case, as in all other cases, should have the Office of Origin as the spokesman. Therefore, and in order to avoid any further conflicts and mis-statements, it is recommended that: 1) Portland Office, if it has not already been done by the SAC, specifically advise SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH that he should refer all inquiries regarding this investigation to Seattle; 2) that if Portland feels that this will have a detrimental effect on their credibility with the Media as noted in Portland Airtel of 5/8/78, Bureau should consider designating Portland as Office of Origin, noting that an indictment was obtained in that Division; 3) that serious consideration be given to discouraging CBS from pursuing this investigation for a myriad of reasons, not the least of which is that this is a pending case, where there are a limited number of "identifiers" left which have not been released to the public and to show how we have eliminated some of the suspects (specifically COFFELT), could jeopardize the investigation. In addition we should keep in mind the manner in which "60 Minutes" treated the FBI the last time we cooperated with that program. Also, we should recognize that CBS is a "past master" of utilizing inuendoes, flashbacks, conflicting testimony, etc. to sensationalize any story.

Seattle will continue to act as spokesman for the Bureau in this important investigation, UACB.

*SA Himmelsbach had been advised and he, specifically because he is PD's Case Agent*

*Indictment in PD only because under no circumstances will PD be receptive to this thought.*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

DATE: 5/17/78

FROM : ASAC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 5/17/78, Bureau Supervisor [REDACTED], Criminal Investigative Division, FBIHQ, Ext. 4192, advised he had a memorandum on his desk containing results of interview of Deputy Assistant Director HOMER BOYNTON, External Affairs Division, with CBS Newscaster MIKE WALLACE. Based on queries of BOYNTON by WALLACE, Supervisor [REDACTED] requested the Portland Division to determine answers to the following:

(1) [REDACTED] advised that WALLACE told BOYNTON that CBS investigation revealed that one of the stewardesses (name not known to [REDACTED]) apparently identified a photograph of JACK COFFELT as D. B. COOPER. This photograph was apparently not shown to the stewardess by the FBI, however, [REDACTED] did not know the identity of the individual who displayed the photograph to the stewardess. [REDACTED] requested any information in our file which would indicate that one of the stewardesses identified photograph of COFFELT as D. B. COOPER.

(2) [REDACTED] further advised that WALLACE told BOYNTON that their investigation indicated that one of the passengers (name not known to [REDACTED]) apparently identified a photograph of COFFELT as identical to D. B. COOPER and that this photograph was shown by FBI Agents. [REDACTED] requested confirmation of this point.

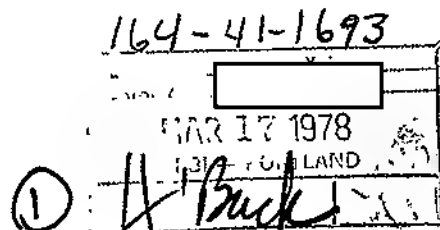
(3) [REDACTED] advised that CBS interviewed officials at Boeing Aircraft and they advised CBS that the plane crew on the night of the skyjacking would not have "felt" a drop in cabin pressure as has been described in the news media as occurring. According to CBS, Boeing advised that the opening of the rear door and the resultant parachuting out of D. B. COOPER would not have been apparent to the plane crew as previously described in news media accounts. [REDACTED] requested any data that the Bureau has in files to refute this claim.

(2) [REDACTED]



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[ ] also advised that WALLACE told BOYNTON that CBS has determined that when COFFELT was in prison in Atlanta, the only visitor he had was the SAC of the Atlanta Office. Also, WALLACE told BOYNTON that COFFELT knew J. EDGAR HOOVER and HUBERT HUMPHREY. WALLACE told BOYNTON that it is CBS' opinion that the reason the FBI does not consider COFFELT a legitimate suspect and the obvious reluctance to discuss COFFELT of SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH and SAC REED of Seattle is because COFFELT is obviously an informant or an asset of some sort of the FBI, and additionally, was a personal friend of J. EDGAR HOOVER and HUBERT HUMPHREY. In effect, WALLACE is accusing the FBI of covering up the COFFELT/COOPER relationship.

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[ ] advised the bottom line, of course, regarding response to WALLACE's accusations is, "How did we positively eliminate COFFELT as being D. B. COOPER?"

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[ ] would like information telephonically in this regard a.m. of 5/18/78, to be followed with airtel enclosing appropriate documentation from the file.

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[ ] was advised that the Seattle Division is OO in this matter and that some of the information concerning the COFFELT matter would be available to Seattle and not necessarily in the Portland file. To this, [ ] requested that Portland coordinate with Seattle regarding the questions set forth above.

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5/22/78

TO: [REDACTED] AC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: [REDACTED] AC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] ORJAK (A)  
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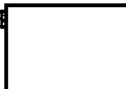
Re San Antonio airtel to Charlotte, 3/28/78;  
Portland airtel to Seattle, 4/4/78; Charlotte airtel to  
Portland, 5/16/78.

Enclosed herewith for Seattle are two copies of  
referenced Charlotte airtel to Portland, 5/16/78, for con-  
pletion of the Seattle file.

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2 - Portland

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TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)  
 FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (164-93) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT: NORJAK  
 (OO: SEATTLE)  
 (BUFILE: 164-2111)

Re Portland airtel to Pittsburgh dated 4/18/78.

Enclosed for Portland are two copies of an FD-302 of [redacted] and enclosed for Seattle are five copies of FD-302 of [redacted]. Original FD-302 will be forwarded to Seattle at a later date.

Based upon information furnished by [redacted] upon interview, her suspect in this matter, [redacted] is being eliminated based upon discrepancies in height, complexion, and age. It is noted that [redacted] was described as being 6'1", currently approximately [redacted] years of age, and during interview, he was described as having a fair complexion.

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[redacted], Grove City, Pa., telephone number [redacted], was interviewed at her residence, at which time she advised that after reading an article in "The Star," a nationwide supermarket newspaper, concerning the hijacking of the Northwest Airlines, Flight 350, from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington, on November 24, 1971, it reminded her of an individual she had known several years previously. She advised that this individual was a [redacted], a white male, possibly part Canadian, 6'1" tall, 175 pounds, medium build, who would now be approximately [redacted] years of age. She stated that he had a fair complexion and medium brown hair.

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She advised that in [redacted] was an employee of the Bankers Life Insurance Company, New Castle, Pa., and followed up on telephone leads in order to [redacted]. She stated that he and [redacted] (phonetic), of Butler, Pa., resided with her from approximately January, 1963, until March, 1963, when he moved to San Francisco, California, [redacted] was giving him difficulty at that time. She stated that [redacted].

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[redacted]. She stated that the last she knew, he was working for the Queens Vacuum Cleaner Company in San Francisco. She stated that she was doing telephone solicitation for the insurance company, and he came by her residence to pick up the leads, and this is how they became acquainted. She stated that during conversations over the years, she learned that he was apparently part Canadian and had been raised in Northern Michigan, and was used to living in the woods. She stated that at no time did he express an interest in airplanes, but indicated at one time, he had been a frogman in the Navy. She stated that as she recalls, he indicated he was assigned to the Wilkinson FM Division.

She stated that he did drink socially, but was definitely not an alcoholic. She further advised that he smoked Lucky Brand cigarettes. She stated that he did not have an accent, wore his hair short, and had a slight swagger to his walk.

Interviewed on 5/9/78 at Grove City, Pa. File Pittsburgh 164-93

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/15/78

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She stated that she advised she had no idea as to his current whereabouts or anyone who would be able to locate him at this time.

She reiterated that he had a fair complexion, medium brown hair, and would be approximately  years of age at the present time.

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FM PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111) (IMMEDIATE)

SEATTLE (164-81) (ROUTINE)

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NORJAK

RE TELCALL OF SUPERVISOR [REDACTED], FBIHQ, TO ASAC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], PORTLAND, MAY 22, 1978.

ON MAY 4, 1978, NORMAN GORIN, REPRESENTING MIKE WALLACE OF CBS "SIXTY MINUTES," APPEARED AT THE PORTLAND DIVISION IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER. ARRANGEMENTS FOR MR. GORIN'S APPEARANCE FOLLOWED A SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN MIKE WALLACE, SUPERVISOR [REDACTED], FBIHQ, AND SAC, PORTLAND AND SAC, SEATTLE, REGARDING "SIXTY MINUTES'" DESIRE TO GET INFORMATION IN THIS CASE. THE BUREAU IS WELL AWARE OF "SIXTY MINUTES'" ATTEMPT TO VERIFY A SPECULATIVE SUSPECT IN THIS CASE BY THE NAME OF BRYANT COFFELT. IN THE INITIAL DISCUSSION IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT PORTLAND WOULD

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NOT DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH WALLACE OR "SIXTY MINUTES" AND WALLACE WAS SO ADVISED. SAC, PORTLAND, WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED BY SUPERVISOR  TO MAKE SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS BACKGROUND INFORMATION WITH MIKE WALLACE OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE STIPULATION THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ON FILM OR BE A RECORDED INTERVIEW.

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MR. GORIN ARRIVED PORTLAND ON MAY 4, 1978. A BRIEF DISCUSSION WAS HAD BETWEEN MR. GORIN AND SAC REGARDING THE GROUND RULES FOR THIS INTERVIEW WITH SA HIMMELSBACH, AFTER WHICH SA HIMMELSBACH WAS MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF PROVIDING BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN THIS CASE TO MR. GORIN. SAC WAS PRESENT DURING THE MAJORITY OF THE INTERVIEW, WHICH DID IN FACT CONCERN ITSELF WITH BACKGROUND DATA AS TO TIMES, PLACES AND EVENTS. DURING THE COURSE OF THIS INTERVIEW NO NAMES OF PERSONS, PARTICULARLY WITNESSES OR SUSPECTS, WERE DISCUSSED. IT WAS CLEARLY POINTED OUT TO MR. GORIN THAT THE IDENTITIES OF PILOTS, STEWARDESSES AND PASSENGERS WOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED. EVEN THOUGH MANY OF THE NAMES HAVE APPEARED IN THE PRINTED MEDIUM, SUCH INFORMATION WOULD NOT EMANATE FROM THE FBI. MR. GORIN ATTEMPTED TO MAKE INQUIRIES CONCERNING SUSPECTS, AND IT WAS SPECIFICALLY POINTED OUT TO HIM THIS INFORMATION WOULD

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NOT BE DISCUSSED, NOR WOULD THE BASIS UPON WHICH ANY PARTICULAR SUSPECT WAS CONSIDERED BE DISCUSSED. IN FACT, DURING THE COURSE OF THIS INTERVIEW, NO SUCH DISCUSSION DID OCCUR AND SPECIFICALLY, THE NAME OF COFFELT WAS NOT UTTERED BY THE SAC, SA HIMMELSBACH OR MR. GORIN.

THE INFORMATION FURNISHED MR. GORIN DID NOT EXCEED THAT WHICH HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN RELEASED TO THE MEDIA, THE SUBSTANCE OF WHICH IS WELL KNOWN TO THE BUREAU, AND SPECIFICALLY, IT DID NOT EXCEED THAT INFORMATION WHICH IS CONTAINED IN THE ALLEN LANSBURG PRODUCTIONS (FREE LANCE) TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY FILMED IN FEBRUARY, 1977.

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FM PORTLAND (164-41) P

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111) ROUTINE

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NORJAK, OO: SEATTLE.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, SEATTLE AND PORTLAND,  
MAY 18, 1978.

PORTLAND FILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION OF THIS MATTER IN  
ADDITION TO THAT FURNISHED BUREAU BY SEATTLE.

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AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED SEATTLE.

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[redacted]  
[redacted], OR [redacted]

May 20, 1978

Chairman of the Board  
Northwest Airlines, Inc.  
616 SW Broadway  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir,

I have a suggestion which might help you in looking for the man, D. B. Cooper, who hijacked your passenger plane in 1971. Recently [redacted] gave us some weekly newspapers and the story of the hijacking and ransoming was in one of them [redacted].

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There is a clue in the story, in fact two, First: the story says there were three jet fighters following your airliner, yet they did not see Cooper jump. Now the reason is this: he did not jump. He was too smart for that. He had a crate (or big trunk, box, or something similar) in the freight compartment. This box or trunk probably had straps around it and it was nailed down tight, except for one end which appeared to be nailed down, also: but this end could be opened by Cooper by simply turning a key in a hidden lock. Also the hinges and lock parts were hidden inside the box and Cooper could close and lock the box end from inside. ~~The/box/weight/In the box~~ In the box was a weight (it could of been a big block of wood so one man could roll it or could have been something else, possibly a container of sand or water--something when dumped could not be suspicious from the ground. Cooper opened the crate, rolled the block or pushed the sand or water out into space--it weighed about as much as he and the parachutes and money weighed.

Cooper put the chutes, the money in the box, then he crawled in and fastened the lid from the inside. The next day you delivered him to his address.

He probably shipped a few boxes first, to make sure which flight they got on. The boxes probably said fragile on them--so he wouldn't be handled rough, and found out. Check all large shipments that day. Also check for false addresses.

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The other clue is this: Cooper knew an awful lot about airplanes: how to fold parachutes, that there was a phone in back, that the pilot could open back door from cabin; now since this is so he also knew the extreme danger of jumping over rugged country at 8:00 o'clock November 24, 1971 since it was stormy that night. It would've been suicide, and he knew it. ~~He/was~~ So he did not jump. He was snug in his box, until you delivered him.

If you check my idea and find him, do I get the reward? We are

Sincerely

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P.S. I've got more ideas if there were no big boxes.



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Date 5/23/78

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)  
 (ATTN: MEDIA RELATIONS)  
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P)  
 SUBJECT: NORJAK  
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Portland teletype to the Bureau dated 5/22/78.

The Alan Lansburg Productions television documentary filmed in February, 1977, utilizing Special Agent RALPH HIMMELSBACH has not been viewed by Seattle. The Seattle Division understands that the Bureau has a copy of this television documentary.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to forward to Seattle a copy of the documentary so that Seattle will be aware of the information contained therein.

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Date 5/5/78

TO: [REDACTED] AC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
 FROM: [REDACTED] AC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (P)  
 SUBJ: [REDACTED] NORJAK (A)  
 O: Seattle

Re: ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW  
 Sub Number 934 933

Re Seattle airtel to Sacramento dated 4/7/78.

Suspect RACKSTRAW was approached by SA [REDACTED] on 4/24/78, at the San Joaquin County Jail, French Camp, California, and he refused palm prints or interview without permission of his attorney. He identified his attorney as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was contacted and he advised SA [REDACTED] that he did not desire to have his client interviewed concerning NORJAK, but that he was agreeable to palm prints being taken.

On 5/4/78, SA [REDACTED] returned to the jail to take the palm prints, but RACKSTRAW again declined and advised that he wanted SA [REDACTED] to contact his attorney, [REDACTED] Oakland, California, telephone [REDACTED]. He stated that [REDACTED] is his primary attorney, [REDACTED] in Calaveras County.

[REDACTED] was telephonically contacted by SA [REDACTED] on 5/4/78, and he advised that it would be necessary for the government to get a court order to obtain the palm prints. He stated RACKSTRAW has denied being D. B. COOPER, but he does not want his client interviewed concerning it nor will he cooperate in the investigation as it might possibly not be in RACKSTRAW's best interest.

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On 5/4/78, this matter was discussed with AUSA [redacted] Sacramento, California, and he advised that the court order should be obtained by the Seattle Office through the U. S. Attorney at Seattle.

On 5/4/78, Detective Sergeant [redacted] Stockton Police Department, advised he has heard that [redacted] is a lawyer in Oakland [redacted]

[redacted]. He wondered if this would indicate that RACKSTRAW's suspected involvement in the 1975 theft of the explosives at the Felton Quarry, Santa Cruz, California, some of which were later recovered from the NWLF by the FBI at Richmond, California, in early 1976, might mean that RACKSTRAW intentionally obtained the explosives for the radicals. He stated that [redacted] reportedly was formerly in partnership with [redacted] another reported [redacted] reportedly [redacted] by the San Francisco Police Department. is [redacted] and has [redacted]

Seattle Division will discuss this matter of palm prints with the U. S. Attorney to determine if a court order will issue or whether it has to be handled as a subpoena to the Federal Grand Jury in Seattle. It is noted that RACKSTRAW is presently feigning a back injury which requires him to be transported in a wheel chair, and custodial personnel feel he is doing this in an attempt to effect a possible escape attempt. If U. S. Marshals are to transport him they should be warned that RACKSTRAW is a former U. S. Army Green Beret and Vietnam veteran and is highly skilled in the use of his hands and feet as weapons.

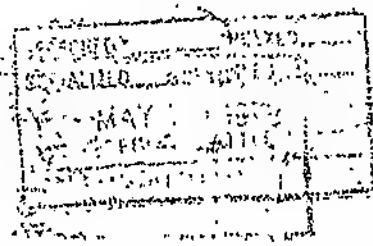
San Francisco Division will advise if the involvement of [redacted] on the defense team possibly indicates some interest by the NWLF in protecting their source of explosives. RACKSTRAW is known to have purchased a great deal explosive between the time he murdered his

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stepfather during the summer of 1977, and the time he fled to Iran in early 1978, and at least one case of the explosives has not been traced.

San Francisco will also furnish Sacramento the results of investigation requested in 3/6/78, Sacramento airtel to Bureau.

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Date 5/24/78

TO: SAC, PORTLAND  
 FROM: [REDACTED] (164-81)(P)  
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
 OO: SEATTLE

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RE: ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW  
 SUB NUMBER 933

Re Sacramento airtel to Seattle, dated 5/5/78.

Enclosed for the Portland Division is one (1)  
 copy of referenced communication.

For the information of the Portland Division,  
 RACKSTRAW has been suggested as a suspect in this matter  
 because he resembles the artist's composite of Unsub,  
 and because of his military background particularly his  
 paratrooper training. He appears to be fully capable of  
 successfully affecting the Norjak hijacking.

LEADS:PORTLAND DIVISIONAt Portland, Oregon

Will discuss with the United States Attorney's  
 Office in Portland the feasibility of obtaining a subpoena  
 for the palm prints of ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW.

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Date 5/24/78

TO: SAC, PORTLAND

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

RE: ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW  
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LEADS:PORTLAND DIVISIONAt Portland, Oregon

Will discuss with the United States Attorney's Office in Portland the feasibility of obtaining a subpoena for the palm prints of ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW. 164-41-17016

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WILLIAM CHARLES NYE, Route 2, Box 1185, Roseburg, Oregon, telephone 673-1825, was contacted at Burness Oldsmobile, 1735 N.E. Diamond Lake Boulevard, where he is employed as a car salesman. Mr. NYE was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and purpose of the interview prior to his furnishing the following information:

NYE was previously employed by Northwest Orient Airlines, as a jet mechanic, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, from 1966 through 1972, however, during the month of June, 1971, he suffered a back injury and went to a hospital and received surgical treatment during October, 1971, at St. John's Hospital, in Red Wing, Minnesota. He believes that during November, 1971, he was either hospitalized or convalescing at his home, which was located at Route 1, Box 123A, Cannon Falls, Minnesota. He stated he was in and out of the hospital on several occasions and never did go back to work for Northwest Orient after the back surgery.

Mr. NYE stated that he moved to Roseburg, Oregon, in June, 1977, and because he could not perform mechanics work, he took a job as a car salesman with Burness Oldsmobile, his present position.

WILLIAM CHARLES NYE is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of birth	September 14, 1930
Height	6'
Weight	210 pounds
Hair	Receding in front, dark brown roots, mostly graying on top
Characteristics	Wears prescriptive frame glasses
Oregon driver's license number	2977778
Residence address	Route 2, Box 1185, Roseburg, Oregon, (Coals Valley Road)
Telephone	673-1825

Investigation on 5/22/78 at Roseburg, Oregon File # PD 164-41-1702

by SA [redacted]  
SA JERRY G. WILSON/JGW: [redacted] Date dictated 5/22/78



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## TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype  
☐ Facsimile  
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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
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☐ CLEAR

Date 5/25/78

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)  
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)  
 SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
 OO: SEATTLE

In order that the office of origin in this important matter be fully aware of what information has been released to the press by the Portland Division, the following lead is being set out:

LEAD:PORTLAND

Will forward to Seattle a copy of all press releases as well as all newspaper clippings contained in Portland's NORJAK file.

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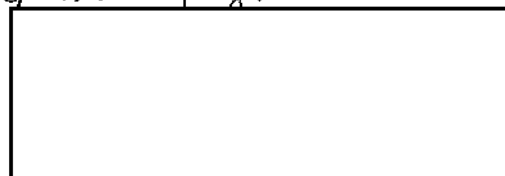
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I hope you received my March 5, 1978 letter  
of information.

As I have not heard from you pertaining to  
my March 5 information I wonder if you  
received it. R.V.P. if you did not.

Thank you kindly for your attention.

Very truly yours



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June 1-1978

Post Office Box 709  
Portland, Oregon 97207

Dear [Redacted]

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I do not wish to be a nuisance in your looking for Cooper, RE. Nov. 24, 1971 skyjacking, but I have enclosed added information pertinent to his capture.

[Redacted] (alias) is not listed at his present address in the city directory only at the Post Office. Has long hair to his collar. [Redacted]

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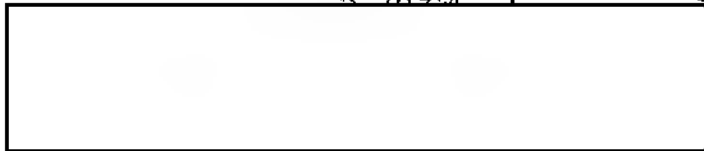
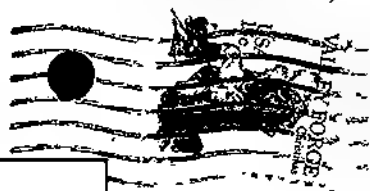
One [Redacted] (hego) of San Diego who is in with [Redacted]

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[Redacted] San Francisco

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6/7/78

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NORJAK (A)  
(OO:Seattle)

RE: [redacted]

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Re Portland letter to Seattle, dated 2/15/78.

On 5/17/78, [redacted]  
[redacted] Oregon, advised that on [redacted]  
[redacted]. She gave an address  
of [redacted] Oregon, phone number  
[redacted]. For identification, she presented Oregon driver's  
license number [redacted].

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On 5/17/78, [redacted] Oregon State Police,  
Tillamook, Oregon, advised that over a year ago he gave a  
ticket to [redacted]. At  
that time, he was driving a car belonging to [redacted].

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On 5/17/78, JUSTICE COURT was contacted at the  
Tillamook County Courthouse and determined that on [redacted]  
[redacted] was given a ticket from [redacted]  
Oregon State Police, for [redacted]. At that  
time, he was driving a 1971 Datsun with Oregon license  
[redacted].

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On 5/17/78, DMV printout showed that Oregon  
license [redacted] is a 1971 Datsun four-door wagon registered  
to [redacted], DOB [redacted]; and LILLIAN BALDWIN,  
DOB 7/22/21, address [redacted], Portland, Oregon.  
The legal owner is Fisher's Blend Credit Union, 3436  
Clickatat Avenue, S.W., Seattle, Washington.

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③-Portland

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AT [ ] OREGON. Will contact  
[ ], phone number  
[ ], for any knowledge as to the whereabouts of  
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AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Will contact [ ]  
[ ] for information as to the where-  
abouts of [ ]

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XX Airtel

6/16/78

TO: SAC, BUTTE

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)  
Bufile 164-2111

Re Portland letter to Seattle dated 8/29/77; Portland letter to Seattle dated 1/13/78; Portland letter to Seattle dated 2/15/78.

For information of Butte, the Portland Office in August, 1977, received information that one [redacted], then residing near [redacted] on the Oregon coast and employed as [redacted] had claimed to have knowledge of and the inside story concerning the hijacking in this matter. [redacted] had reportedly

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[redacted] was unwilling to cooperate.

Investigation by Portland has identified [redacted] as WMA, DOB [redacted], 5' 11", 170 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes, SSAN [redacted]; he has not yet been located for interview.

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[redacted], Portland, Oregon, telephone [redacted], advised on 6/12/78, that [redacted] had been introduced to [redacted] during [redacted] moved in on [redacted] at the Oregon coast and [redacted]

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[redacted]. Upon returning to the Portland area from the coast in

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- 2 - Seattle (164-81)
- 2 - Portland

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[redacted] moved into [redacted]  
residence where [redacted] for several months. When [redacted]

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[redacted] continued that [redacted]

He stated that [redacted]

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While [redacted] was living in Portland, he once  
drove to Seattle to visit [redacted] and  
he also made a trip to Boise, Idaho, where [redacted]  
reportedly reside. He also claimed to be well-acquainted  
with a [redacted] (ph.) who is thought to [redacted]  
[redacted] in Seattle, Washington.

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Arrest, motor vehicle and driver's license record  
checks have failed to locate any information identifiable with  
[redacted].

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AT BOISE, IDAHO. Will attempt to locate [redacted]  
[redacted] through general checks and if successful, interview  
or set out leads for interview of [redacted] concerning his  
knowledge of instant matter.

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AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. Will consider interview of  
[redacted], for any information in her possession  
concerning [redacted].

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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6/16/78

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)  
Bufile 164-2111

Re Seattle airtel to Portland dated 5/25/78.

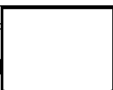
Enclosed herewith for Seattle is a packet consisting of xerox copies of all press clippings contained in the Portland file concerning captioned matter.

For information of Seattle, Portland has issued no press releases concerning captioned matter.

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2 - Seattle (Enc. 1)  
2 - Portland

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6/16/78

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)  
Bufile 164-2111

Re Portland letter to Seattle dated 3/14/78.

Enclosed herewith for Seattle are two copies of FD-302 interview of WILLIAM CHARLES NYE, Roseburg, Oregon.

On 4/18/78, Investigator [redacted] Oregon State Police, Roseburg, Oregon, telephone [redacted] advised that he had written a report concerning WILLIAM NYE and had furnished same to Oregon State Police Headquarters in Salem, Oregon, after conversing with complainant [redacted] who resides at [redacted], telephone [redacted]. Trooper [redacted] stated that his department was conducting no further investigation, as he was of the opinion that [redacted] had absolutely no basis or justification to believe that WILLIAM CHARLES NYE, who is employed as a car salesman in Roseburg, Oregon, and resides at Route 2, Box 1185, Roseburg, Oregon (Coles Valley Road), is identical to or in any way resembles D. B. COOPER.

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On 4/19/78, [redacted] telephone [redacted], was contacted, and at that time stated that WILLIAM CHARLES NYE, approximately age 50, resides [redacted] at Route 2, Box 1185. He stated that NYE is presently employed as a car salesman for Burness Oldsmobile in Roseburg, Oregon, and believes he previously worked for Northwest Orient Airlines, capacity

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unknown. He stated that NYE apparently moved from Minnesota this past summer and is described as a white male, approximately 6'0", 200 pounds, with dark colored, graying, curly, neat hair. He said that there is nothing that he can put his finger on concerning why he believes that NYE might be D. B. COOPER, other than he had seen an artist's conception several years ago and felt there was some resemblance. He stated that NYE apparently has a good education, however, he does not believe he is using it in his employment as a car salesman. He feels that NYE always seems to have a little extra money, more than a car salesman would make. He stated that NYE is a likeable person, and there is no other reason for his feeling that NYE might be D. B. COOPER. He indicated that NYE owns a Ford station wagon, which is usually parked in the drive in front of his residence.

On 4/19/78, visual observation of the WILLIAM C. NYE residence disclosed a 1970 Ford station wagon, bearing Oregon license JNK 599.

On 4/20/78, an inquiry was made to the Department of Motor Vehicles, Salem, Oregon, via state teletype concerning Oregon license JNK 599, and via return state teletype, the Department of Motor Vehicles advised that this plate appears on a 1970 Ford four-door wagon, VIN OP75Y153103, license expiring September, 1979, registered to WILLIAM C. NYE, DOB 9/14/30, and LENNA V. NYE, DOB 5/6/19, residing at Route 2, Box 1185, Roseburg, Oregon.

On 4/20/78, a second state teletype was sent to the Driver's License Section of the Department of Motor Vehicles concerning WILLIAM C. NYE, born 9/14/30, and via return state teletype, the Department of Motor Vehicles advised that WILLIAM CHARLES NYE, residing at Route 2, Box 1185, Roseburg, Oregon, holds Oregon driver's license number 2977778, which was issued 11/21/77, and expires 9/14/82. NYE's DOB was given as 9/14/30, and he was described as a male, 6'0" tall, 210 pounds. As of 4/20/78, the operator's license was valid, and there were no entries of citations.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 7/5/78

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)

On 6/21/78, [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED], Bend, Oregon, telephone no. [REDACTED],  
advised that with the recent publicity concerning D. B.  
COOPER, he has been prompted to contact the FBI, and then  
advised as follows:

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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] he  
resided in the Portland, Oregon area, and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Hillsboro, Oregon. [REDACTED] stated at that time he was  
employed [REDACTED] in Portland, Oregon.  
[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that following the D. B. COOPER  
hijacking, when COOPER's composite drawing was published  
with local newspapers, he recalled that his first reaction  
was that the drawing closely resembled [REDACTED] who was  
[REDACTED] in Hillsboro, Oregon.  
[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. He  
believes that [REDACTED] at one time mentioned that he had  
military jumping experience. [REDACTED] is described as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Build	Slender
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Possibly blue

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[redacted] at that time was employed by [redacted]  
[redacted], Portland, Oregon. That firm may now  
be doing business under the name [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] stated that during the period of his  
acquaintance with [redacted], he gave no outward indication  
that he was considering a hijacking. The only reason  
[redacted] is contacting the FBI is that in view of a recent  
article wherein an FBI official felt that D. B. COOPER  
was deceased, he felt because of the close resemblance  
between [redacted] and the D. B. COOPER composite, the matter  
should be checked out.

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[redacted] also requested that the source of the above  
information be kept strictly confidential, and that the  
FBI's inquiries into the matter should not reveal his  
identity.

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PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Will conduct appropriate  
investigation to determine whether or not [redacted] may be  
identical with D. B. COOPER.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

X Airtel

7/5/78

TO: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50)  
FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)  
Bufile 164-2111

RE: ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW  
SUB NUMBER 933

Re Sacramento airtel to Seattle, 5/5/78; Seattle airtel to Portland, 5/24/78.

Contact with USA SIDNEY I. LEZAK, District of Oregon, Portland, Oregon, on 6/12/78, determined that USA LEZAK wished to have the matter of the means of obtaining RACKSTRAW's palm prints researched before taking any action. He advised he would have the matter researched and advise.

On 6/26/78, USA LEZAK advised he had turned the matter over to First AUSA [redacted], District of Oregon.

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On 7/3/78, First AUSA [redacted] advised that he wishes to explore the possibility of obtaining RACKSTRAW's palm prints through some other means than a subpoena or a court order. He accordingly requested that the identity of the District Attorney of the locality in which RACKSTRAW is to be tried for murder be obtained and furnished to him, so that he may contact that District Attorney and discuss the matter with him.

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2 - Seattle (164-81)  
② - Portland

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AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. Will obtain the name of the District Attorney prosecuting RACKSTRAW on local charges, and forward same to Portland Division to furnish to First AUSA [REDACTED]. Will note that it is not clear from referenced Sacramento airtel to Seattle whether this would be the District Attorney of San Joaquin County or the District Attorney of Calaveras County.

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

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☐ Facsimile  
☒ AIRTEL

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☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
☐ E F T O  
☐ CLEAR

Date 7/12/78

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)  
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (P)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: SEATTLE  
(BUFILE 164-2111)

RE: ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW  
SUB NUMBER 933

Re Portland airtel to Sacramento dated 7/5/78.

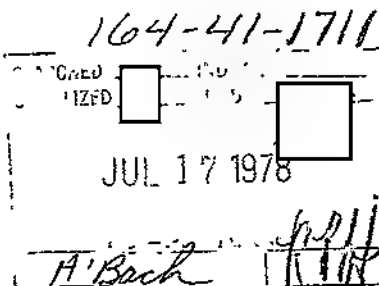
On 7/12/78, Detective [redacted] Calavares County Sheriff's Office, advised that RACKSTRAW is currently on trial in Calavares County for murder and is being prosecuted by DA JOSEPH KILEY. He advised KILEY could be reached at number (209) 754-3887.

On 7/12/78, contact with the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, Stockton, California, revealed that the name of the Assistant DA handling the RACKSTRAW case in Stockton is [redacted], number [redacted].

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

② - Portland  
2 - Seattle (164-81)  
2 - Sacramento

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Approved: [redacted]

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## memorandum

DATE: 7/14/78

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

[REDACTED] (164-81)

SUBJECT:

[REDACTED]

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TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

Re Portland airtel to Butte, 6/16/78.

[REDACTED], KING Broadcast-  
ing, 320 Aurora Avenue North, Seattle, Washington, was  
contacted on July 14, 1978, and advised she is acquainted  
with [REDACTED]. She furnished the following infor-  
mation concerning him:

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[REDACTED] occasionally stops by her office  
in Seattle and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] She has seen him once within  
the past six months, and he was only in her office for ap-  
proximately one minute. She stated she [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], and described him as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She went on to say she has never seen him  
away from her office, but the last time he came in to see  
her he showed her a [REDACTED]  
mentioned his interest in this. She also recalled he claims  
to be [REDACTED], however, she has never seen his  
work.

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[REDACTED] could furnish absolutely no infor-  
mation as to his whereabouts but did state the next time  
he is in she will attempt to find out how to reach him.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 7/19/78

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: Seattle

RE: [REDACTED]

Reference Portland Memo of SA [REDACTED], 6/7/78.

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On 7/18/78, COP [REDACTED] Police Department, Cannon Beach, Oregon, advised that a [REDACTED] moved to the Astoria, Oregon area approximately [REDACTED]. He stated he does not have her address. COP [REDACTED] continued that [REDACTED] in the past and recently had been contacted by his employer in Portland. [REDACTED] advised he recalls that [REDACTED] was employed in some unknown capacity with [REDACTED] Portland, Oregon. He could provide no further information regarding his location.

## PORTLAND AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Locate and interview O'HALLORAN re captioned matter thru his employer, [REDACTED].

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Clerk

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Date charged

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DB Cooper 43102

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

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## PRECEDENCE:

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☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
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☐ CLEAR

Date 7/25/78

TO: SAC, PORTLAND

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (RUC) (3)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
 OO: Seattle

On 7/20/78, [redacted]  
 [redacted] Corona, California, telephone number [redacted]  
 advised she [redacted] to ROGER HOWARD MASTERSON,  
 aka Howard Roger Masterson, Howard Roger Mastenson, Howard  
 McGill, Howard Roger Kuskie. She described MASTERSON as a  
 White male, born 10/6/43, in Oregon, 5'9"-5'10", 145 to  
 155 pounds, dark brown hair, hazel eyes, medium complexion.

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She said [redacted]  
 [redacted] numerous states  
 including Oregon where MASTERSON had many relatives. In  
 1970, MASTERSON was arrested in the Los Angeles, California,  
 area on a Colorado warrant, charging him with writing bad  
 checks.

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She said MASTERSON was returned to Colorado,  
 convicted and served about 1½ years at the State prison at  
 Buena Vista, Colorado.

[redacted] said she [redacted]  
 [redacted] She believed MASTERSON was released from  
 prison in October 1971, at which time he moved to Portland,  
 Oregon. She never had any contact with MASTERSON after his  
 imprisonment in 1970 except through [redacted]  
 [redacted]

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 2 - Seattle  
 1 - Los Angeles

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

7/28/78

SAC, DENVER (164-640)(P)

NORJAK (A)  
OO: Seattle  
Bufile 164-2111

RE: [REDACTED] Colorado

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Re Portland airtel to Denver, dated 3/6/78.

Colorado driver's license number [REDACTED]  
reflected [REDACTED] residence address [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Colorado, was born [REDACTED]  
STRAYER is a Caucasian Male, 5'8" tall, 174 pounds,  
brown hair and eyes, Social Security Number [REDACTED]

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On 5/22/78, [REDACTED]  
AMAX, Inc., Henderson Mine, Empire, Colorado, advised  
payroll records indicating dates employees worked are main-  
tained at the AMAX Golden Office.

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On 6/13/78, [REDACTED] AMAX,  
Inc., Golden, Colorado, advised she would attempt to  
locate payroll records for [REDACTED] on 2/17/68. She advised  
it would probably take several weeks to locate these  
records due to the age of the records.

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On 7/6/78, [REDACTED] advised she had located the  
payroll records for [REDACTED] and according to  
the records, on 2/17/68, [REDACTED] was paid for an 8 hour  
shift which began at 12 midnight and ended at 8:00 AM.  
She advised records indicate that [REDACTED] during February  
of 1968, was working a graveyard shift all month.

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Investigation continuing at the Denver Division  
regarding additional suspect.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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MORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)

Re suspect HOWARD ROGER MASTERSON.

Re Los Angeles airtel to Portland dated 7/25/78.

For information of Los Angeles and Seattle, on 7/25/78, Detective [redacted], Washington County Sheriff's Office, Hillsboro, Oregon, furnished the following information:

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HOWARD ROGER MASTERSON, white male, DOB 10/6/46, was found dead of a drug overdose in Washington County on 5/30/72. The Washington County Sheriff's Office conducted the necessary investigation which included the positive identification of MASTERSON by several immediate relatives. Investigation was conducted under their case number 72-3108. The investigation established, in addition to the positive identity of MASTERSON, the fact that the death was due to voluntary ingestion of drugs.

[redacted] continued that recently several relatives of MASTERSON, more distant than the ones who identified him at the time of his death, have raised the question as to whether MASTERSON may still be alive, and as a result it has been suggested that the buried body be exhumed for re-identification. [redacted] stated his office is completely satisfied with the validity of the identification and does not intend to go any further with the idea. He stated the people that raised the doubts alleged that they felt there was a possibility that MASTERSON was still alive and living in Mexico using the last name COOPER. He said that these individuals inferred that possibly MASTERSON might have been identical with UNSUB in captioned case.

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[redacted] pointed out he is personally satisfied

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that MASTERSON could have had nothing to do with the captioned matter because of the vast discrepancy in age and physical description. He stated he feels it is merely a ruse, those members of the family desirous of establishing re-identification to bring pressure to bare for such an operation. He stated he was advising the Portland FBI Office inasmuch as members of the family indicated that they were going to take the matter to the FBI since they had been turned down by the sheriff's office.

In view of the above circumstances and considering the considerable discrepancy in age and description, it is not belived necessary for the FBI to take any further action in this matter, and accordingly Portland plans no further action concerning this suspect.

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7/31/78

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SAC, BUTTE (164-26) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: Seattle  
Bufile #164-2111

Re Portland airtel to Butte, 6/16/78.

Enclosed for Seattle and Portland is an insert  
disclosing investigation conducted at Boise, Idaho, by  
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8/4/78

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) P #10

NORJAK  
CAA (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

Re Seattle airtel to San Francisco, 7/18/78.

On 8/3/78, [REDACTED]  
United Airlines, San Francisco International Airport, advised  
SA [REDACTED] of the following:

On the same date, 8/3/78, a [REDACTED] UAL Reservations  
Office, Seattle, had called to report that he had been  
contacted by an individual who said he had information about  
a missing hijacker with missing money. This individual who  
said his name was [REDACTED] Tigard,  
Oregon, telephone [REDACTED], was interested in any reward.

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PORTLAND

AT TIGARD, ORE.: Will obtain from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] any information he may have regarding  
instant matter.

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- 2 - San Francisco

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8/10/78

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle  
Bufile #164-2111

RE ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW  
Sub #933

Re Portland airtel to Sacramento dated 7/5/78; and  
Sacramento airtel to Portland dated 7/12/78.

Information contained in referenced Sacramento airtel  
to Portland was furnished on 8/7/78 to First Assistant U.S.  
Attorney [ ] for the District of Oregon who had  
been on vacation prior to that time.

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On 8/8/78, AUSA [ ] advised that he had been in  
telephonic contact with the District Attorney of Calaveras  
County, California, JOSEPH KILEY, and had determined that  
suspect RACKSTRAW had been acquitted of the murder charge for  
which he was tried in Calaveras County. [ ] then  
telephonically contacted Deputy District Attorney [ ]  
[ ] of the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, Stockton,  
California. [ ] advised [ ] that suspect RACKSTRAW  
is scheduled to be tried on various charges in San Joaquin  
County beginning in September, 1978. Meanwhile, RACKSTRAW is  
free on \$60,000 bail.

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[ ] related to [ ] that he has worked very  
closely for a number of years with the FBI Resident Agent at  
Stockton, SA [ ] and he thinks very highly of SA [ ].  
He stated that he would make every effort to see to it that  
major case fingerprints of RACKSTRAW are obtained at some point  
during the forthcoming prosecution in September, 1978.

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AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA. Will maintain contact with Deputy District Attorney [redacted] for progress in his efforts to obtain major case fingerprints of suspect RACKSTRAW for elimination purposes in this matter.

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SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

10/6/78

SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH

NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)

On 9/14/78, Detective [redacted], Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), Salem, Oregon, furnished the following information:

[redacted]  
[redacted] has advised him [redacted] that he has a man in mind who may have been involved in captioned violation. [redacted] agreed to make [redacted] available for interview, and on the same date accompanied the Agent to [redacted] residence for the following interview:

[redacted]  
Portland, Oregon, telephone no. [redacted], furnished the following information:

In early 1971, [redacted] in the Portland area. During that period, [redacted] an old bootlegger, long since deceased, and they were living in North Portland. [redacted] by the name of [redacted] told him that a mutual acquaintance, one [redacted] was interested in talking to him. The next time [redacted] came to Portland, he [redacted] rode back to Salem with [redacted] in the latter's new Japanese car. On the way, [redacted] told him that he had a plan to hijack an airliner. He said that the hijacker would board an airliner and bail out in a parachute somewhere over southwest Washington state. He seemed to remember that the Longview and Kelso area was a possible area of the hijacker involved in the plan. [redacted] wanted someone

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(3) [redacted]

*John Reed*  
*to*

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else to make the jump, and he [ ] would pick up the hijacker, and they would make use of a small airstrip located somewhere in the area. In this connection, [ ] said that there were a lot of small airstrips all over southwest Washington state. They would then take the ransom to either Canada, or to Switzerland, to exchange the money, if it were marked, or possibly go to South America. Mexico was not ever mentioned. [ ] mentioned that he thought they could ask for either one or two million dollars, but he also mentioned the figure of two hundred thousand dollars.

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[ ] felt that the reason [ ] was asking him was because [ ] however, he [ ] did not want any part of a parachute jump, thought the plan was wild, and told [ ] of his views. He said that [ ]

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[ ] continued that [ ] now lives in [ ], Oregon, and is living [ ]. He is now either in [ ] or is working in [ ]. He recalled that [ ] said at the time that it would be necessary that once they got the ransom money, they would have to sit on it for a year or so, before touching it.

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[ ] said that he ran across [ ] one time in Salem since the incident, and this was in about [ ]. At that time he told [ ] he never thought he would go through with the plan, and [ ] just grinned and did not confirm or deny involvement in captioned matter.

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[ ] advised that he had no idea as to the possible identities of any associates of [ ] during that period of time. He said he thought that [ ] kept the airplane at Salem, but that [ ]

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Upon conclusion of the above interview, Detective [ ] advised that he has identified [ ] as [ ]

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[redacted]  
[redacted]. His present residence is [redacted],  
[redacted], Oregon [redacted], and [redacted],  
[redacted]. He has Oregon driver's license no. [redacted]. DOB  
of [redacted]. On 11/3/70, [redacted] was  
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Salem, Oregon, on [redacted] whose last  
name was [redacted]. At the time of [redacted]  
[redacted]

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AT [redacted] AND SALEM, OREGON. Will conduct  
discreet investigation to determine the general financial  
background of [redacted], after which time he will be inter-  
viewed by Case Agent and Detective [redacted].

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Date 2.11.97

File 1604.41  
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☐ Pending

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Do not Remove

[Redacted]  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 11/15/78

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)

Re memo of SA HIMMELSBACH, 10/6/78.

Contact with the Marion County SO. Salem, Oregon, had determined that Sgt. [REDACTED], Salem, Oregon.

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[REDACTED] was contacted at his place of employment 10/31/78, and advised that [REDACTED] he had determined that [REDACTED] owned the residence at [REDACTED], Oregon, which is assessed at [REDACTED]. The residence is mortgaged through the [REDACTED] is employed at [REDACTED], Salem, Oregon, and [REDACTED] has a very favorable credit rating according to inquiries made by [REDACTED] said [REDACTED]

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On 11/6/78, [REDACTED] residence at [REDACTED] was observed. The residence is [REDACTED]. A small pickup truck, Oregon license [REDACTED] was parked in the driveway.

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
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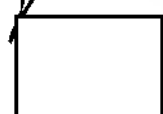


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DB Cooper-43124



Dec. 1, 1978

Dear Sir:

We were led to believe from a TV report in Nov. 1977 that the statute of limitations was now up on the D.B. Cooper money. Last weeks paper stated that it was not. Which is true?

Also - What interest does the Insurance Co. have in this "Treasure Trove" assuming they paid the airlines for the loss?

What information can you give us on the connection of Bryant Jack Coffelt and D.B. Cooper?

Please let us know. Thank you.

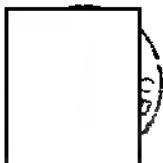
Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature Block]

[Redacted] Oregon [Redacted]

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[redacted], Oregon [redacted]



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
1500 S.W. 1st.  
Portland, Oregon 97201

DB Cooper-43126

FBI

## TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype  
☐ Facsimile  
☒ Airtel

## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ ~~TOP SECRET~~  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
☐ ~~E F T O~~  
☐ CLEAR

Date 12/27/78

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)  
 FROM: SAC, BUTTE (164-26) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
 OO: Seattle

Enclosed for Portland is one business card of  
 D. B. COOPER, Director, COOPER's SKYDIVING SCHOOL,  
 Sky Harbor Field, Salem, Oregon.

On 11/27/78, [redacted],  
 TREASURE ENTERPRISES, 3815 Rickenbacker Drive, Boise, Idaho,  
 advised a man came into her office sometime between  
 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on 11/22/78. He wanted to rent  
 a 172 Cessna airplane to go to San Francisco and San Diego  
 for three weeks.

[redacted] said she could not approve the rental  
 that the man would have to talk to one of the company  
 officials. He then said he had an appointment and would  
 return later. He gave [redacted] a business card in the name  
 of D. B. COOPER, COOPER's SKYDIVING SERVICE, Salem, Oregon,  
 and left. He said he would return Monday, 11/27/78.

[redacted] described this man as follows:

Race  
 Sex

White  
 Male

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Approved: [redacted]

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Height	5' 6"
Weight	Approximately 200#
Hair	Gray
Face	Round

A composite copy of D. B. COOPER was displayed to [ ] who said the man did not resemble the composite in any way.

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[ ] TREASURE ENTERPRISES were recontacted on 11/28, 11/30, and 12/5/78, at which time it was determined the man had not returned to rent a plane. In the event that he does return, the FBI will be notified immediately.

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PORTLAND DIVISDN

AT SALEM, OREGON

Will attempt to locate D. B. COOPER in care of COOPER's SKYDIVING SCHOOL, Sky Harbor Field, Salem, Oregon, for interview.

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1/5/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO:Seattle)

Re Butte airtel to Portland, 12/27/78.

Enclosed for Seattle is a business card of D. B. COOPER, Director, Airline Jump Operations, Cooper's Sky Diving School, Sky Harbor Field, Salem, Oregon.

As evidenced by the information contained in the enclosed card furnished Seattle, it appears the card is a novelty item of no investigative value. There is no Sky Harbor Field located at Salem, Oregon.

On 1/4/79, inquiries with officials at the Salem, Oregon, airport and the Salem Flight Service determined there are no sky diving schools located at Salem.

UAC Seattle, no additional inquiries will be made regarding Cooper's Sky Diving School.

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SAC, PORTLAND (80-501) (P)

12/22/78

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MEDIA RELATIONS

On 11/20/78, PAT WILKINS, KATU-TV TV News, telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] and requested an interview with SAC ARTHUR G. BARGER on 11/21/78, in connection with the ongoing investigation of Portland file 164-41 entitled "Norjack."

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On 11/20/78, WILKINS did interview SAC BARGER and one television interview should be credited.

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DB Cooper-43130

Post Office Box 709  
Portland, Oregon 97207

January 17, 1979

[redacted]  
[redacted], Oregon [redacted]

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Dear [redacted]:

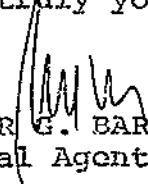
In response to your recent letter, please be advised that the Federal Statute of Limitations of five years has been tolled, (stopped from running), because of a Grand Jury indictment which was returned on November 24, 1976. This means that the hijacker may be prosecuted anytime he is located regardless of the passage of time.

The relative interests of the victim airline and the insurance company are civil matters not within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau.

I am sorry to have to inform you that the provisions of the Privacy Act forbid the furnishing of the information you requested concerning a certain individual.

Your interest and concern in this matter are appreciated.

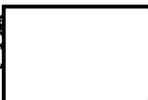
Very truly yours,

  
ARTHUR G. BARGER  
Special Agent in Charge

- 1 - Addressee  
1 - Portland (164-41) (C)

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Portland, Oregon  
January 17, 1979

NEWS INQUIRY

Arthur G. Barger, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI for the State of Oregon, today acknowledged that a portion of a plastic decal which is known to be used by Boeing 727 aircraft was located during November, 1978 by a hunter in a remote area of Cowlitz County, Washington. The decal, which is white with red lettering, has been identified by officials of Northwest Orient Airlines as being similar to decals used on aircraft of the type hijacked by the person popularly known as "D. B. Cooper" the night before Thanksgiving, 1971.

The decal was found approximately twelve miles due east of Castle Rock, Washington, near Toutle River Park. This location is generally within the area into which Cooper is believed to have parachuted following the departure of the aircraft from Seattle-Tacoma Airport.

No additional searches of the area are planned at this

time.

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DB Cooper 43132

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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases  NORJACK (A)  00: Seattle				Character of case  NORJACK		
				Complainant <div></div>		
				Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>11/19/79</u> Time _____		
Address of subject				Complainant's address and telephone number No phone; See address instructions below.		
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other date					
Facts of complaint  [redacted] advised he works during the day, however, he does not want contact there. He is generally home after 4:00 PM each day. He advised he would like to talk to an Agent regarding information he may possess regarding D.B. COOPER.  [redacted] advised he lives <del>xxx</del> [redacted] Tillamook, Oregon. [redacted]  [redacted]  [redacted] didn't want to discuss information over the phone but gave impression he had information re D.B. COOPER in the East Beaver Creek, Oregon area.  [redacted]						
Action Recommended Open and assign to an Agent.  SC RALPH H. DOGGETT, JR. (Agent)						

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1/26/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO:Seattle)  
BuFile 164-2111

RE [REDACTED], WASHINGTON

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On 1/18/79, [REDACTED]  
Washington [REDACTED], no home telephone,  
message phone [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], telephonically contacted the Portland Office  
to furnish the following information:

She met a man named [REDACTED], believed to be  
currently [REDACTED], formerly [REDACTED]  
area, who lives [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
Washington, approximately [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] feels [REDACTED] resembles COOPER, unsub in this matter,  
but she could not give a physical description of [REDACTED]. She  
added that he is very polite and mild-mannered.

The above for information and any investigation  
deemed necessary by Seattle.

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xx AIRTEL

1/29/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAR (A)  
(OO:Seattle)  
BuFile 164-2111

RE: [REDACTED] Western  
Academy of Films, Vancouver, B.C.,  
Canada

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For the information of Seattle, at approximately 9:47 a.m., 1/29/79, an anonymous mature female contacted the Portland office and asked to speak with the Agent in charge. She was referred to SA [REDACTED], and at that time furnished the following information:

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She has some information pertaining to a case in which the FBI has an interest. She asked if SA [REDACTED] had a pencil and paper, and when he replied affirmatively, she stated "Well copy down this information." SA [REDACTED] asked her to what the information pertained, and she advised it pertained to a case in which the FBI has an interest, that she had tried to give the information to the Los Angeles Police Department last year, but they did not seem interested. She then said write down "Western Academy of Films, 845 Beech Avenue, British Columbia, telephone 685-1718, [REDACTED]."

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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SA [ ] inquired as to what the information pertained to, and the woman stated "Well, it has to do with the skyjacking over Woodland, Washington, but if you're not interested, I'll hang up." She then hung up.

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The long distance operator advises the above telephone number is located in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The anonymous female did not state what connection [ ] may have with the instant matter or whether or not he was a suspect.

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The above is for information of the Seattle Office and any action deemed appropriate.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

DATE: 1/17/79

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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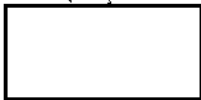
SUBJECT: NORJAK

At approximately 11:45 a.m., 1/17/79, SA [REDACTED] contacted SA [REDACTED], FBI, Seattle, at which time SA [REDACTED] briefed SA [REDACTED] on the circumstances surrounding the location of a plastic decal during November, 1978 in Cowlitz County, Washington.

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SA [REDACTED] requested that Portland handle news inquiries regarding this matter at Portland.

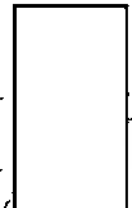
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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate☐ Priority☒ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

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Date FEBRUARY 2, 1979

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FM PORTLAND (164-41) P

TO LOS ANGELES (164-497) ROUTINE 1030

SEATTLE (164-81) ROUTINE 1017

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NORJAK (A), OO: SEATTLE, BUFILE 164-2111.

RE SUSPECT ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW, SUB NO. 933.

FOR INFORMATION OF LOS ANGELES, ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER. RACKSTRAW IS CURRENTLY BELIEVED TO BE IN CUSTODY OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES, AT FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, WILL CONTACT LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MAJOR CASE FINGERPRINTS OF RACKSTRAW, INCLUDING PALM PRINTS, AND FORWARD SAME IMMEDIATELY TO FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FOR COMPARISON WITH UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINT IMPRESSIONS DEVELOPED IN THE HIJACKED AIR-CRAFT IN THIS MATTER.

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SACRAMENTO ROUTINE

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NORJAK (A), OO: SEATTLE, BUFILE 164-2111.

RE PORTLAND TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES FEBRUARY 3, 1979.

FOR INFORMATION OF SACRAMENTO, PORTLAND ADVISED IN RE TELETYPE THAT ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER. RACKSTRAW IS CURRENTLY BELIEVED TO BE IN CUSTODY OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA.

RACKSTRAW WAS RELEASED TO THE CUSTODY OF A DETECTIVE [REDACTED] (PH), SAN JOAQUIN SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FOR RETURN TO STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA.

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SACRAMENTO AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, WILL CONTACT LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MAJOR CASE FINGERPRINTS OF

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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 2/6/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)  
 ATTN: FBI IDENT

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
 OO: Seattle

Re Sacramento airtel to Seattle, 11/8/78, and  
 Portland teletype to Sacramento 2/5/79.

RE: ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of palm  
 prints of ROBERT W. RACKSTRAW.

RACKSTRAW was apprehended 1/26/79, by the Fullerton  
 Police Department, Fullerton, California, for trying to  
 have copies made of a forged federal pilot's license.

On 2/5/79, Deputy [redacted] San Joaquin  
 County Sheriff's Office, provided the enclosed palm prints  
 obtained from RACKSTRAW at Fullerton, California. [redacted]  
 stated that the original prints are being retained by his  
 office for use in RACKSTRAW's local prosecution.

Sacramento is obtaining major case prints which  
 will be submitted when available.

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 2-Sacramento

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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (80-501) (P)

DATE: 2/12/79

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MEDIA RELATIONS

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On 2/1/79, an inquiry was received from [REDACTED], United Press International, Portland, Oregon, concerning reports originating in Fullerton, California, that an individual believed to be D.B. COOPER, the unknown subject of PD 164-41, NORJACK, had been arrested. In anticipation of additional inquiries in this matter, Supervisors [REDACTED], FBI, Los Angeles, and [REDACTED], FBI, Seattle, were contacted for details.

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As a result of these contacts, it was determined that the individual in question was ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW, a former Bureau fugitive. Also as a result of these contacts, it was decided that all news inquiries would be answered with a no comment based on the fact the matter is still under investigation.

A rough log of incoming inquiries reflects a total in excess of 37 at Portland during the following 24 hours. These included inquiries from the "New York Times," "Time" magazine, and other major American and Canadian organizations.

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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM : [REDACTED] SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: SEATTLE  
BUfile 164-2111

DATE: 3/6/79

RE: [REDACTED]

Re Portland letter to Seattle dated 8/16/77.

For the information of Portland Division, since date of referenced communication, the Seattle Division has conducted an investigation in an attempt to determine the source of [REDACTED]. This investigation has revealed that [REDACTED] by the name of [REDACTED], Washington. In addition, investigation has revealed [REDACTED] has been seen with large amounts of money which, according to [REDACTED], come from Omaha, Nebraska, and an unknown location in Canada. Investigation by the Omaha Division has failed to reveal any information of value concerning [REDACTED] in that area.

It has been recently learned that [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] which is located at the [REDACTED], Portland, Oregon. This business is across the street from [REDACTED] which, apparently, [REDACTED]

Recent contact with an individual knowledgeable of [REDACTED] has revealed that [REDACTED] is apparently going to an unknown location in California to [REDACTED]. It is anticipated that [REDACTED] in Portland.

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Confidential information provided by the Intelligence Detail, Internal Revenue Service, Vancouver, Washington, has revealed no [REDACTED]

It has also been learned that [REDACTED] apparently banks at the United States National Bank of Oregon, Century Tower Branch, Portland, Oregon.

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The Seattle Division has conducted all investigation deemed feasible in an attempt to learn the source of [REDACTED]. This investigation has not determined this source. It therefore appears, in order to resolve this matter, that [REDACTED] should be interviewed concerning [REDACTED].

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LEADS:

PORTLAND DIVISION

At Portland, Oregon

Will, if deemed feasible, interview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Portland, for information concerning [REDACTED]

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3/8/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
OO: Seattle

Re Los Angeles teletype to Sacramento, 2/5/79,  
and Sacramento airtel to Bureau, 2/6/79.

RE: ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW

ROBERT RACKSTRAW, San Joaquin County Jail, French  
Camp, California, refused to give consent to having major  
case prints taken without the advice of his attorney,  
[redacted], Oakland, California.

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On 3/7/79, Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted]  
[redacted], Eastern District of California, Sacramento,  
California, contacted RACKSTRAW's attorney, [redacted],  
Oakland, California, and advised that [redacted] desired the  
FBI to obtain a court order prior to obtaining major case  
prints from ROBERT RACKSTRAW.

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In view of the above, Sacramento is conducting  
no further investigation in this matter subsequent to receiving  
a subpoena for RACKSTRAW's major case prints.

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype☐ Facsimile☒ Airtel

## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate☐ Priority☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ ~~TOP SECRET~~☐ ~~SECRET~~☐ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~☐ ~~UNCLAS E F T O~~☐ UNCLAS

Date 3/16/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)Re ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW, Sub #933

Re Sacramento airtel to the Bureau, dated 3/8/79.

For information of all recipients, on 3/15/79, AUSA  
 [redacted] District of Oregon, Portland, Oregon, advised  
 as follows:

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Departmental Attorney [redacted] telephonically advised  
 [redacted] this date that he had received a communication from one  
 [redacted], Attorney, [redacted], Oakland, California,  
 telephone [redacted] advised him that he represents  
 a client whom he did not identify who is willing to provide  
 information which will prove he is the UNSUB in this matter  
 in return for immunity from federal prosecution. [redacted]  
 instructed [redacted] to have the Portland Case Agent contact  
 [redacted] by telephone in an attempt to determine the validity  
 of this claim and to evaluate the potential for benefit to this  
 investigation.

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It is noted that during the period April, 1978 to  
 March, 1979, investigation has been conducted to eliminate  
 or involve one ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW. RACKSTRAW is now  
 only 35 years old, and at the time of the hijacking in this  
 matter, would have been approximately 28 years old. UNSUB in  
 this matter was described as late 40's or early 50's in 1971,  
 with the median age of the description being 48 years. This

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# Memorandum

TO SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE 4/2/79

FROM SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT NORJACK (A)  
OO: Seattle

Reference FD 71 of SA RALPH H. DOGGETT, JR., 1/19/79.

For information several attempts have been made to contact [REDACTED] Beavercreek, Oregon (Tillamook County) regarding his knowledge of captioned matter. It should be noted that messages have been left at the [REDACTED] residence to have him contact the Astoria RA. There has been no response.

On 3/28/79, Chief Criminal Deputy [REDACTED], Tillamook County Sheriff's Office (TCSO), Tillamook, Oregon, advised that he would have LT. [REDACTED] Resident Deputy [REDACTED] attempt to contact [REDACTED] to resolve this matter. [REDACTED] will be informed to contact the FBI at his earliest convenience.

LEAD PORTLAND AT TILLAMOOK, OREGON (BEAVERCREEK)

Interview [REDACTED] re his knowledge of captioned matter.

*C/a H. Bush*

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P-Portland (164-41)

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 4/19/79

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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OO: Seattle

Reference Portland Memo of SA [REDACTED], 4/2/79.

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On 4/18/79, Chief Criminal Deputy [REDACTED], Tillamook County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) advised his office had made contact with [REDACTED] and requested him to contact the Astoria Resident Agency - FBI.

On 4/19/79, [REDACTED], Tillamook, Oregon, telephonically contacted the Astoria Resident Agency. [REDACTED] advised that approximately [REDACTED] while in Hood River, Oregon he had a conversation with an individual regarding "D.B. Cooper". This individual indicated [REDACTED]. During the conversation this person become upset and nervous and left. Several months later, [REDACTED] advised he observed a photo in a local newspaper (composite) and that it was very similar to the individual he had talked to in Hood River. [REDACTED] advised he does not know the person's name or where he lives. He advised that he probably could find out if he went back to the Hood River area. He advised that this individual possibly worked [REDACTED] in Hood River. [REDACTED] advised he could offer no further information of value regarding this individual or of captioned matter.

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In view of the above information it is recommended that no further investigation be conducted or the matter pursued in regards to information furnished by [REDACTED].

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*H. B. [signature]*

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 4/20/79

TO: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS  
 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)  
 SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
 (OO: Seattle)  
 BuFile 164-2111

On 4/18/79, [redacted]

[redacted] Carmel, Indiana, telephone [redacted] telephonically contacted the Portland Office to advise that she has a suspect in mind who may be identical with unsub in this matter. She declined to furnish any identifying information concerning her suspect until she had the opportunity to view the artist's conception composite sketch.

A Xeroxed copy of the artist's conception was sent directly to [redacted] by mail on 4/18/79.

[redacted] did advise that her suspect has dark eyes and hair, is approximately 40 years old at this time, but may be older, and is just under 6' tall. It is noted in this regard that unsub was described in 1971 as being in his middle or late forties or possibly in his fifties. The medium age was approximately 48 years old. In view of this age disparity, [redacted] suspect would not appear to be very likely.

LEADSINDIANAPOLIS

AT CARMEL, INDIANA. Will contact [redacted]

[redacted] for any information she may possess of possible

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Post Office Box 709  
Portland, Oregon 97207

April 25, 1979

[redacted]  
Portland, Oregon [redacted]

Dear [redacted]:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your cooperation in bringing to the attention of this office your sighting of a piece of white cloth hanging from a tree near Lake Merwin, Washington, and for accompanying personnel of this office to the location to point it out to them.

It would not be possible to conduct successful criminal investigative operations without the civic responsibility of citizens such as you displayed in this instance, and I wanted you to know of my deep appreciation.

Very truly yours,



ARTHUR G. BARGER  
Special Agent in Charge

164-41-1745

1 - Addressee

(2) - [redacted] (1) - 164-41)  
(1) - [redacted]

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*Memorandum*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)

DATE: 4/25/79

RE: ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW  
Sub #933

Re Portland airtel to the Bureau, dated 3/16/79.

On 4/23/79, AUSA [ ] for the District of Oregon, Portland, Oregon, advised he had received a letter from Attorney [ ] Oakland, California, [ ]. This letter was a response to [ ] letter to [ ] dated 3/15/79, in which [ ] furnished [ ] with a list of questions to be answered by [ ] client prior to any negotiations or discussions concerning the possible prosecution of that client. [ ] advised the letter from [ ] stated as follows:

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"Dear [ ]:

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"I am in receipt of your letter of 15 March, 1979, and agree to abide fully by its terms. I have discussed the contents of said letter with my client. At this point in time, he is not interested in pursuing the matter. This change in plans stems from personal problems which may well resolve themselves in the near future and allow us to once again pursue this topic.

"I shall consider the matter closed until I hear otherwise from my client and, in that event, I will contact you once again.

"Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

"Very truly yours,

DB Cooper 43154

"/s/ [ ]"

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4/25/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)  
BUfile 164-2111

Re Portland telephone call of Portland SAC to Seattle  
SAC, 4/23/79.

On 4/23/79, [redacted]  
[redacted], Portland, Oregon, telephone [redacted], telephonically  
advised that [redacted] Lake Merwin, Washington.  
On her way home on 4/22/79, from the lot, she noticed a piece  
of white cloth in a tree on the right hand side of the road  
going south, approximately five miles from Lake Merwin, between  
Fargher Lake and Amboy, Washington. She advised the cloth  
appeared to be heavy silk or possibly fiberglass material,  
raveled on the edges and about 18 inches long and 12 inches  
wide. She immediately thought of the COOPER case and thought  
the cloth could be a piece of the parachute. She advised she  
could direct an Agent to the site.

On 4/24/79, [redacted] accompanied SC JOAN M. THOMAS  
and SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH to the location and pointed out  
the cloth, which was not possible to identify from the highway.  
Upon retrieval, however, it was determined the cloth was part  
of a corn and barley bag from Albers Milling Company.

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ON APRIL 25, 1979, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PORTLAND, OREGON, TELEPHONE [REDACTED], FURNISHED THE  
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HE IS A [REDACTED] AND

HE [REDACTED] BETWEEN 6:00

AND 7:00 P.M., APRIL 24, 1979, HE OVERHEARD A CB CONVERSATION

AMONG APPROXIMATELY FOUR CB UNITS CONVERSING ON CHANNEL 29.

FROM THE CONVERSATION, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE PARTIES WERE

LOGGING TRUCKERS OPERATING OUT OF THE WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON,

AREA. THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT HAVING FOUND AND RECOVERED A

QUANTITY OF OLD \$20 BILLS FROM A LOGGING ROAD IN THE WOODS.

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THEY MENTIONED THAT ALTHOUGH THE BILLS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN THERE FOR SOMETIME, THEY WERE IN GOOD ENOUGH CONDITION THAT THEY COULD READ THE SERIAL NUMBERS. THEY SPECULATED THE BILLS MIGHT HAVE COME FROM THE COOPER SKYJACKING CASE. ONE OF THE PARTIES USED THE HANDLE [ ] STATED HE HAS AN [ ] [ ] WHOSE NAME IS POSSIBLY [ ] AND STATED IF SHE LETS HIM GO HE WILL GO HUNTING THIS WEEKEND FOR MORE OF THE BILLS.

ONE OF THE PARTIES STATED HE HAD TO LEAVE TO TAKE EIGHT LOADS OUT AND IT WAS MENTIONED THAT ONE OF THE PARTIES HAD 20 LOADS TO GO TO AUBURN. ONE OF THE PARTIES USED THE HANDLE [ ]

[ ] AND ONE OF THE PARTIES USED THE CALL SIGNALS [ ] CONTACT WITH FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) OFFICE, PORTLAND, OREGON, DISCLOSES CB LICENSE [ ] IS LISTED TO [ ] SHELBY, OHIO, [ ].

NEITHER FCC NOR HEADQUARTERS OF REACT, CB ORGANIZATION AT PORTLAND, HAVE ANY RECORD OF HANDLES [ ] OR [ ] CLEVELAND AT SHELBY, OHIO. DETERMINE CURRENT LOCATION OF [ ] HOLDER OF CB LICENSE [ ], AND SET OUT LEAD FOR INTERVIEW.

SEATTLE AT AUBURN, WASHINGTON. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION

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AT LUMBER MILLS IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY TRUCKER BRINGING IN  
20 LOADS OF LOGS FROM WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON, AREA, AND CAUSE  
INTERVIEW OF TRUCKER REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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[REDACTED] SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

ReMPtelcals to Portland 3/23/79, and 3/26/79.

Enclosed for Portland and Seattle is one copy each of the following:

1. D. B. COOPER project program.
2. Minneapolis Tribune article dated 4/8/78, captioned "Legend Of A Hijacker Comes To Cricket Theater."
3. Minneapolis Tribune article dated 4/8/79, written by JOHN KERANS, captioned "Northwest 727 Hijacker Cooper Made A Quantum Leap Into Mists Of Mythology."
4. Minneapolis Tribune article dated 4/16/79, captioned, "The Crickets 'D. B. Cooper' Is Leap In Rare Experience."

On 4/13/79, SA [REDACTED] attended the D. B. COOPER project play at the Cricket Theater, 13th and University Avenues Northeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Play presently scheduled to run through 5/5/79. No derogatory information relative to Bureau interests presented in this play or subsequent reviews of this play or newspaper articles. Matter RUC at Minneapolis.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (164-41)

DATE: 4/23/79

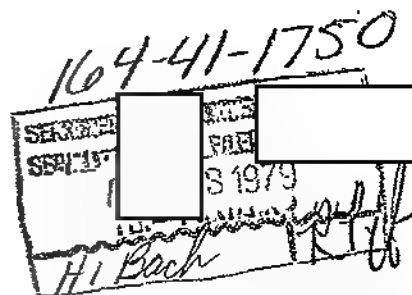
FROM : SC JOAN M. THOMAS

SUBJECT: NORJAK

On this date, [redacted] Portland, Oregon, home phone [redacted], telephonically advised that [redacted] Lake Merwyn, Washington. On her way home last night from the lot, she noticed a piece of white cloth in a tree on the left hand side of the road going north (approximately five miles from Lake Merwyn) between Fargerlake and Amboy, Washington. She advised the cloth appeared to be a heavy silk or possibly fiberglass material, was very ravelled on the edges and was about 18" long, 12" wide. She immediately thought of the D.B. Cooper case and thought it could be a piece of the parachute. She could direct an Agent to the site.

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NORJAK (A), OO: SEATTLE, BUFILE 164-2111.

RE PORTLAND TELETYPE, APRIL 25, 1979.

ON APRIL 27, 1979, [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT  
HE OPERATES A CITIZENS BAND RADIO AND IS FTC LICENSED  
UNDER THE CALL LETTERS [REDACTED] AND USES THE CB HANDLE

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAS NEVER BEEN TO THE STATE  
OF OREGON AND THE FARTHEST WEST HE HAS BEEN IS THE STATE  
OF WYOMING AND THAT WAS APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS AGO.

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[REDACTED] IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: [REDACTED], WHITE  
MALE, DOB [REDACTED], POB [REDACTED], ADDRESS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], SHELBY, OHIO, TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

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EMPLOYED - [REDACTED], OHIO STEEL AND TUBE, SHELBY, OHIO,  
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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

4/25/79

SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)  
BuFile 164-2111

Re [redacted]

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Re Seattle letter to Portland dated 3/6/79.

[redacted] Washington, telephone [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted] Portland, Oregon, telephone [redacted], on 4/23/79, at which time he furnished the following information:

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For several years during the late 60's and early 70's, [redacted] of Southwest Washington. He [redacted]

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[redacted]. He worked [redacted] and accumulated a little money. Everything he owns, he has worked very hard for. He has all of his bank records, his employment records, and his tax records which will show his financial structure.

On the afternoon of November 24, 1971, the day of the hijacking in this matter, he was contacted by telephone at approximately 3:00 p.m., by a young man, whose father-in-law is one (FNU) [redacted], who lives near Kelso, Washington. The son-in-law advised that his father-in-law had gone fishing on Lake Merwin, and had not returned as he had said he would. The young man said he had notified local authorities that he considered his father-in-law to be in trouble, but they would do nothing until the father-in-law had been missing for a longer time. The young man stated to [redacted] that it was not like his father-in-law to be gone without letting his daughter know, and so they know something had happened to him.

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The young man convinced [ ] that the father-in-law must be in trouble, and so he, [ ], then attempted to enlist the aid of the local authorities to form up a search. They declined also, and as the weather worsened, he decided [ ] and go searching for the man, even though the weather was worsening.

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[ ] continued that shortly after 8:00 p.m., he and a deputy sheriff [ ] [ ], searching for the elderly man. They found him after several hours clinging to his overturned boat, and nearly dead of hypothermia. They rescued the man, and he has since recovered fully.

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[ ] stated that night was the stormiest in his experience, and the winds were so high, they turned Lake Merwin into giant waves [ ] and [ ]. He said that at the same time the clouds were so close to the water, that there was a dense fog and he was unable to see more than a few feet ahead of [ ].

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[ ] related that he was contacted by two FBI Agents shortly after the hijacking, and related the above experience to them. He said he could not recall having heard an airplane fly over at any time during the storm.

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In view of the above information, no further investigation concerning [ ] would appear warranted in this matter.

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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)  
12 PIONEER PRESS  
St. Paul, MN

Date: 5-2-79

Edition:

Morning

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Dead or alive, D.B. Cooper where are you?

Title: Dead or alive, D.B. Cooper where are you?

Character:

or

Classification: 163-74

Submitting Office: MINNEAPOLIS

"Never let the truth interfere with good publicity." In show business that advice is right up there with the Ten Commandments, but sometimes things get too far-fetched.



ENTER THE Cricket Theater, which last month opened a whimsical musical based on the fictionalized life of an airplane hijacker named D.B. Cooper. In real life a man identified by that name commandeered a Northwest Airline aircraft in 1971 and later parachuted from the plane somewhere over Washington state.

Cooper He carried with him about 21 pounds in money, totaling \$200,000. No one knows what happened to Cooper and none of the money, all of which was marked, has been recovered.

Until now, anyway. If you believe what follows, I have a bridge you might be interested in buying.

Earlier this year the Cricket, in a promotional gimmick, placed an ad in Time Magazine. "D.B. Cooper, wherever you are," the ad said. "Two free tickets are waiting for you at the Cricket Theater for 'The D.B. Cooper Project.'"

TWO REPLIES WERE received — both appar-

ently written by the same person.

The first, postmarked from Chicago, thanked the Cricket for the invitation. "I won't say I will accept, and I won't say I won't," the writer said. The brief note was signed by Daniel B. Cooper.

The second letter, mailed in Los Angeles, was received late last month after the play opened. Written on the same type of green notepaper with apparently the same typewriter, it was longer and full of grammatical errors.

The writer claimed to have visited Minneapolis to see the play. "The actors and actresses were wonderful," the writer said. "I wish I had known them in my own actual life."

What do you do with two such letters? Copy them and put out a news release, of course.

Another question is whether anybody at the Cricket really believes the letters could be genuine literary products by D.B. Cooper. A spokesman for the theater said Producing Director Bill Semans "firmly believes" the letters are on the level.

PLAYWRIGHT JOHN Orlock doesn't buy any of it. "I think it was (written by) someone who couldn't resist the challenge," he said. "If perhaps one more letter comes in we'll have a competition."

Where is D.B. Cooper? Dead, says Orlock. Dead, says the FBI.

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But they don't agree as to when he died. Law enforcement people have long asserted that Cooper died when he jumped from the Northwest 727 somewhere over southwest Washington state. Orlock believes Cooper survived the jump, but later died of cancer.

Orlock's play is based, rather whimsically, on a letter that was printed in the New York Times about three weeks after the hijacking. In it, Cooper claimed to be dying of cancer and added that he had hijacked the plane in the hopes of gaining "a few fast grains of peace of mind."

"The tone of it seemed really quite honest to me," said Orlock.

**THE FBI'S CLAIM** is based on a number of factors — the belief that the hijacker didn't know much about parachutes, that he jumped from the rear door of a jet going 197 mph at 10,000 feet and that he probably landed in some of the roughest

wilderness country in the Pacific Northwest. Worst of all, Cooper took two parachutes with him — one a small emergency chute used by stunt flyers and the other a training chute used for demonstrations. The big chute was sewn shut and the smaller chute, if used under ideal conditions by an expert, probably would have resulted in a broken ankle or leg.

So who was D.B. Cooper? For a while he was a folk hero of sorts, immortalized by songs, bumper stickers and T-shirts. "D.B. Cooper, Where Are You?" was the song title and bumper sticker question.

He was macho. He was daring. He didn't hurt anybody, but he ripped off a big corporation. And he beat the fuzz.

**ORLOCK, WHO WAS** obsessed with the letter printed in the New York Times, saw D.B. Cooper as a sick little man whose miserable life concluded with a ritualized act, something that put it all in order. He thinks Cooper died 14 months after the crime.

D.B. Cooper, where are you? A fictionalized version of your life is being performed at the Cricket through Saturday.

If you're still alive, all is forgiven. The statute of limitations for the hijacking ran out more than two years ago.

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5/2/79

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)  
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

Reference Minneapolis Airtel to Portland and  
Seattle 4/23/79.

Enclosed for Portland and Seattle is one copy  
each of an article that appeared in the St. Paul Pioneer  
Press on Wednesday, May 2, 1979 captioned "Dead or alive,  
D.B. Cooper where are you?".

Since no further investigation remains in the  
Minneapolis Division, this matter is RUC.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OAKLAND CALIFORNIA [REDACTED]

27 March 1979

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[REDACTED], Esq.,  
Assistant United States Attorney  
Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 71  
Portland, Oregon 97207

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Re: United States of America v. D.B. Cooper

Dear [REDACTED]:

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I am in receipt of your letter of 15 March 1979 and agree to abide fully by its terms. I have discussed the contents of said letter with my client. At this point in time, he is not interested in pursuing the matter. This change in plans stems from personal problems which may well resolve themselves in the near future and allow us to once again pursue this topic.

I shall consider the matter closed until I hear otherwise from my client and, in that event, I will contact you once again.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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U.S. ATTORNEY  
PORTLAND, ORE.

[REDACTED], Esq.  
Assistant United States Attorney  
Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 71  
Portland, Oregon 97207

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ATTENTION: Special Agent Ralph Himmelsbach

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March 15, 1979

Oakland, California

Dear :

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Pursuant to our phone conversation today, it is my understanding that you have a client who claims to be D.B. Cooper. As I stated in our conversation, before any negotiations or discussions can take place, it is necessary that this office be assured that there is a strong possibility that your client is, in fact, D.B. Cooper.

In an effort to resolve this problem, I provide the following questions for your client to answer:

- 1) Did D.B. Cooper purchase his airline ticket from a man or a woman? And was that man or woman young or old?
- 2) Did D.B. Cooper stand or sit while waiting to board the airplane?
- 3) When D.B. Cooper boarded the airplane, was he among the first passengers to board, in the middle, or one of the last passengers to board?
- 4) Precisely where did D.B. Cooper sit in the airplane? Right or left side of the plane, window or aisle seat, in the front or the back of the airplane or towards the middle?
- 5) What were the sexes of any persons D.B. Cooper sat next to?
- 6) In precisely what manner did D.B. Cooper communicate his demands? And what was communicated?

[redacted]  
March 15, 1979

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7) Specifically, what if anything did D.B. Cooper carry on the airplane?

8) What were the exact colors of the panels in the parachute that D.B. Cooper used?

It is my understanding from our conversation that this letter and its contents will only be shown or communicated to your client and noone else. If I do not hear from you by March 30, 1979, it will be my understanding that your client has refused to answer the questions or is no longer interested in pursuing the matter.

Yours very truly,

SIDNEY I. LEZAK  
United States Attorney

[redacted]  
Assistant United States Attorney

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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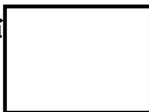
On 4/19/79, [redacted], Beaver Creek, Oregon, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] at the Astoria, Oregon, Resident Agency. [redacted] advised that approximately two and one half years ago, while in Hood River, Oregon, he had a conversation with an individual regarding "D.B. COOPER." This individual indicated he had been a paratrooper in the Army. During the conversation, this person became upset and nervous and left. Several months later, [redacted] advised he observed a photograph in a local newspaper (composite), and that it was very similar to the individual he had talked to in Hood River. [redacted] advised he does not know the person's name or where he lives. He advised that he probably could find out if went back to the Hood River area. He advised that this individual possibly worked at a plywood mill in Hood River. [redacted] advised he could offer no further information of value regarding this individual or of captioned matter. It is noted that the Portland Office has received numerous leads from the Hood River, Oregon, area, concerning this matter, principally because of the residence there of the individual who originally furnished information alleging that unsub and DAVID BRYANT COFFELT were identical. That individual has persisted in his allegation that COFFELT was unsub despite the fact that his original story does not square with the known facts of the case.

In view of the above circumstances, it does not appear worth while to conduct any further investigation concerning the information furnished by [redacted].

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)(P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
OO: Seattle  
BuFile 164-2111

DATE: 6/7/79

For information of Seattle, [redacted]

[redacted] Oregon, recently conducted a training session in which he instructed employees of the Portland Office in parachute jumping. During this association [redacted] became acquainted with SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH, Portland NORJAK case agent.

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On 5/23/79, [redacted] requested an interview concerning captioned matter. On 5/24/79, [redacted] was interviewed by SA HIMMELSBACH at which time he furnished the following information:

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At the time of captioned hijacking, [redacted] was [redacted] at Orchards, Washington, which is in the immediate proximity of the scene of the jump in this matter. He was interviewed by Seattle agents during the initial phases of this investigation and has been interested in the case because of his connection with parachuting. He has followed the progress of the investigation as reported in the media and [redacted]

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[redacted] each Thanksgiving at Ariel, Washington.

For approximately the last three years he has received little bits of information through a source whose identity he cannot presently divulge indicating the source has a connection with an individual who claims to have some knowledge of captioned hijacking. [redacted] has sent back questions through his source in an effort to find out as much information as possible and the picture which has returned to him is roughly as follows:

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His source is indirectly in touch with an individual who claims to be a co-conspirator with the hijacker in this matter. The conspirator claims that the hijacker was a transient individual whom he met in a tavern. The two of them planned the hijacking with the co-conspirator to be the one who would pick up the hijacker

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upon the latter's arrival on the ground. The co-conspirator did meet the hijacker and either found him to be injured or possibly killed himself. He buried both the hijacker and the money at the scene. He has not returned to the scene nor touched any of the money and has developed a severe paranoia about the entire incident. He is interested in being granted possible prosecutive immunity in order to overcome his feelings about the matter.

[ ] has no personal idea as to who either the hijacker or the co-conspirator may be.

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[ ] was instructed to endeavor to maintain contact with his source to obtain any additional information possible and to attempt to obtain at least one of the bills in the original ransom money. He agreed to do so.

On 5/24/79, the above information was discussed with First Assistant U. S. Attorney [ ] for the District of Oregon. AUSA [ ] advised that it will be necessary to do some research on the questions of possible prosecution of a co-conspirator in this matter at this time and he will commence this research immediately.

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with [ ] AT [ ] OREGON. Will remain in contact

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Date 6/20/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)(P)  
 SUBJECT: NORJAK  
 (OO: Seattle)  
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RE: INFORMATION FROM   
 COMPLAINANT

On 6/20/79,   
 Vancouver, Washington, (no telephone), telephonically contacted  
 the Portland Office from a pay telephone in Vancouver, to furnish  
 the following information:

He has information indicating the probable identity  
 of Unsub in this matter. He is 99 percent sure that his  
 information is accurate and he desires to communicate the  
 information to an agent in person. He is unwilling to discuss  
 the matter on the telephone. He will be at the above address  
 any time between 8 and 10 a.m. in the mornings.

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AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON. Will contact  for  
 any information he has pertaining to this matter.

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For information of Seattle, on 5/29/79, [redacted]  
[redacted], Lewis River News, Woodland, Washington, telephonically  
contacted the Portland Office to furnish the following information:

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Since the hijacker in this matter parachuted from the Northwest Orient airliner in the vicinity of Woodland, Washington, his newspaper has monitored the investigation and the readers have followed it with interest. He wondered whether there had been any recent developments in the investigation, and he was advised that investigation was continuing to identify and process logical suspects.

[redacted] advised that he understood there was a discrepancy between the name "D. B. COOPER" by which UNSUB is generally known and the name "DAN COOPER" by which UNSUB was also known. The reason for this discrepancy, which was an error in reporting made by an Associated Press reporter on the night of the hijacking, was explained to [redacted].

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[redacted] then advised that recently a crude homemade gravestone had been discovered in a Woodland cemetery. This gravestone was made of concrete, and had the name "D. B. COOPER" scratched into it. The gravestone did not mark an actual grave, and was obviously merely a prank.

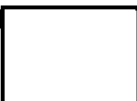
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The above is for information of the Seattle Division.

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DB Cooper-43178

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

10/25/79

SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

NORJAK  
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Re Portland letter to Seattle dated 6/7/79.

For information of Seattle, contact has been maintained with [redacted], Oregon. HATLEY has advised on several occasions that he has continued to maintain contact with his source in this matter, but that no developments have occurred.

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On 10/9/79, [redacted] advised that he has been in contact with his source within the last few days. He stated he requested his source to attempt to resolve this matter as soon as possible. He stated he anticipates a development of some kind within the next few days.

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[redacted] also advised he had learned that the individual with whom his intermediary is in contact is a [redacted]. No other details were furnished him. [redacted] also added that his intermediary is a [redacted].

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Portland will continue to remain in close touch with [redacted].

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10/29/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)  
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As the Seattle office is aware and for information of Baltimore, during December, 1976, Allen Landsberg Productions, Los Angeles, California, produced a documentary film concerning captioned case for possible use as a pilot film in a contemplated series which was possibly to be captioned "Still At Large." This series would deal with still uncaptured criminals and would feature a reward offer of \$10,000. If this series did not materialize, it was planned to utilize the documentary film in the current series captioned "In Search Of," also produced by Allen Landsberg Productions and narrated by television star Leonard Nimoy. Upon instructions from the Bureau, the Portland office cooperated in the filming of this documentary, which filming included some footage of and commentary by SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH, Portland case agent.

On Sunday night, 10/28/79, the "In Search Of" television program broadcast the above mentioned documentary concerning this case. On 10/29/79, [redacted], Hunt Valley, Maryland, telephone [redacted], telephoned the Portland office and spoke with SAC ARTHUR G. BARGER and SA RALPH P. HIMMELSDACH. [redacted] advised that he had observed the above television show and had a suspect in mind who may possibly be identical with UNSUB. [redacted] stated he desired that his identity be kept confidential and that the suspect not be informed that he, [redacted], furnished any information concerning him.

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[ ] related that his suspect is one [ ] who is employed at the Newark newsstand in Newark, Delaware. He said [ ] is a former military pilot, a veteran of the Korean war, came into a large amount of money at about the time of the hijacking in this matter and looks like the composite artist's conception prepared by Bureau artists in this matter. He stated that [ ] is probably in his [ ], but appears younger.

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AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. Will, if suspect [ ] has not already been considered and eliminated in this matter, furnish Baltimore with appropriate background information with which to conduct indicated investigation to involve or eliminate [ ] in this matter.

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BALTIMORE

AT NEWARK, DELAWARE. Will hold any investigation in abeyance pending advise from Seattle.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 12/12/79

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAC

A letter was received at the FBI Resident Agency, Eugene, on 11/30/79, in an envelope postmarked [REDACTED] Oregon, 11/28/79. The letter reads as follows:

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"To Whom It May Concern:

"I strongly suggest you check on the occupant at [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I have reason to believe he may be (D. B. Cooper). He [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] right time and also strongly resembles the drawing that was in the papers at the time."

The letter is signed "An Observing Citizen."

The 1979 Eugene-Springfield cross reference directory lists a [REDACTED], telephone number [REDACTED], at [REDACTED].

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The 1978 Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area city directory contains a listing for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with the above telephone number, however, does not list any additional information.

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On 11/30/79, an inquiry was made of the Area Information Records System (AIRS), a computerized law enforcement records system in Lane County, Oregon, concerning [REDACTED] however, no record was located.

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LEADS

PORTLAND

AT EUGENE, OREGON. Develop background and descriptive data concerning [REDACTED].

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AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Check indices regarding [REDACTED] and (Case Agent) advise if [REDACTED] has formerly been investigated as a possible suspect in this matter.

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[redacted] who requested strict confidentiality, [redacted] Arizona, telephone number [redacted] came to the Major Fraud Unit, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Building, Phoenix, Arizona, and made available the following-described letters:

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Letter Number 1: Dated [redacted] (no year) to:

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This letter is handwritten, two pages of white lined paper, written on both sides.

Letter Number 2: Dated [redacted] (no year) to:

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This letter is handwritten, two pages of white lined paper, written on both sides.

One envelope addressed to [redacted]

[redacted] with a return

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The letter is postmarked [redacted] P.M. 15 May, 1978.

[redacted] advised that she would telephonically contact SA JOSEPH C. KELLY to further explain and discuss the letters which she has made available.

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Interviewed on 11/28/79 at Phoenix, Arizona File # Phoenix 164-571-

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 12/4/79

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH C. KELLY at Phoenix, Arizona:

On November 21, 1979, [redacted], U. S. Probation and Parole Office, Phoenix, Arizona, furnished the following information concerning the possible identity of "D. B. COOPER," the person who hijacked a Portland to Seattle Northwest Airlines jet in 1971.

[redacted] has been supervising a parolee named WARREN DAVID SMITH, a white male, date of birth December 2, 1916, FBI Number 977-833. SMITH is an old-time bank robber whose criminal career began in 1935.

WARREN DAVID SMITH was paroled on May 10, 1978, from his latest bank robbery conviction from the Federal Detention Center at Florence, Arizona. SMITH absconded from his parole on or about September 15, 1979, while living in Mesa, Arizona.

In November, 1979, [redacted] read a recent newspaper article recalling the anniversary of the Northwest Airline hijacking in the State of Washington.

[redacted] recalled after reading the article, [redacted] which she had read and remembered the name "D. B. COOPER."

The [redacted] are dated April 3rd and April 17th respectively and were apparently received by WARREN DAVID SMITH in April, 1978, prior to his parole from the Federal Detention Center at Florence.

[redacted] told [redacted] were signed "JACK" and were written by another convict whose true name is HOWARD HUBBEL (phonetic), who uses the alias, "JACK HUBBEL."

[redacted] stated [redacted] were found in an envelope bearing the return address and name of a third prisoner, who at the time was incarcerated at Folsom Prison in California. The envelope bore the name [redacted] and also located in the same envelope was a Xerox copy of an earlier newspaper item detailing the events of the hijacking.

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DB Cooper 43185

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[redacted] was told by [redacted] that [redacted]  
[redacted], whom he married in  
Dayton, Washington, on [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted]  
and [redacted] were raised in the Walla Walla, Washington,  
area.

According to HUBBEL's [redacted] told  
HUBBEL that [redacted], pulled off the hijacking.  
[redacted] further indicate [redacted], has  
used the alias D. B. COOPER a number of times when registering  
at motels.

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On November 21, 1979, [redacted] was tele-  
phonically contacted by SA JOSEPH C. KELLY in an effort to  
obtain [redacted] later turned the documents over  
to the FBI on November 28, 1979.

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[redacted] has indicated to [redacted] and the FBI that  
she is extremely fearful [redacted]. She advised WARREN  
DAVID SMITH had [redacted] about  
the time he absconded from supervision in September, 1979.

On December 5, 1979, [redacted] advised that  
[redacted] told him that [redacted] is believed to be accompanied  
by [redacted] who escaped from the Folsom Prison approxi-  
mately three months ago and is believed to be in the southern  
California area.

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On December 6, 1979, [redacted] telephonically advised  
she believes HUBBEL was incarcerated at a minimum security  
facility at Fort Worth, Texas, when [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] said she [redacted] in the  
past accompanied by [redacted] and is  
now believed to be living in the Portland, Oregon, area.  
[redacted] does not recall ever [redacted] mention  
the hijacking incident and does not know whether or not HUBBEL's  
[redacted] contain the information or a hoax.

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# Help Us Find Skyjacker Who Escaped With \$200,000 Cash

The FBI has asked ENQUIRER readers to help crack the mystery behind one of the great unsolved crimes of the past 25 years — who and where is skyjacker D.B. Cooper?

A man using that name hijacked a jetliner in 1971 and parachuted into the darkness over Oregon, carrying \$200,000 in cash with him. No trace of him or the money has ever been found.

"Readers of The ENQUIRER could help us solve the mystery," said FBI Agent Ralph Himmelsbach, who has been working on the case since the hijacking. "Since we haven't found him, the case is still open and we're still looking."



**SKYJACKER**  
FBI artist's version of the mysterious D.B. Cooper.

Cooper — a tall, dark-complexioned man neatly dressed in a business suit, topcoat and brown oxfords — hijacked a Portland-to-Seattle jet on the evening of Nov. 24, 1971.

He demanded that 10,000 \$20-bills be delivered to him at Seattle along with four parachutes — or he would blow up the plane.

Airline officials complied with his demand. In return, Cooper allowed the 36 passengers and two of the three stewardesses to leave the plane.

He then ordered the pilot to fly south to Reno, Nev., at 200 mph at 10,000 feet with the wing flaps down. He ordered the crew members to stay in the cockpit.

A few minutes later in the dark skies over Oregon, Cooper unlatched the

jet's rear boarding ramp and jumped out, wearing one of the parachutes.

The plane was flying at 196 mph, the temperature was 7 degrees below zero and there were winds of up to 50 mph. As far as is known, Cooper wore no goggles or protective clothing.

Using a computer, the FBI calculated he parachuted into a 24-square-mile area on the Washington-Oregon border near the rugged shores of Lake Merwin in an area of dense woods and craggy foothills, almost impenetrable in many places.

"For him to have gotten down uninjured would have been a tremendous feat or a tremendous stroke of luck," said Himmelsbach.

If Cooper died that night, no one has ever admitted finding his body — or the \$200,000 ransom.

"Let's assume Cooper didn't survive the jump," Himmelsbach said in explaining how ENQUIRER readers could help.

"That means there is someone somewhere who went missing about that time and has never returned. And even if Cooper did survive, he may not have returned to his family.

"So, we'd be interested in information from ENQUIRER readers about any missing person who might fit Cooper's description.

"If he did survive the jump, that means that unless he is very careful about spending the money a little at a time, he might be noticeable by any changes in his life-style. If he was not a wealthy man and he started making purchases beyond his means, then this is something to look for.

"ENQUIRER readers, especially bank tellers and others who regularly handle money, also could help by scanning their \$20 bills and checking them against the list of missing bills."

Anyone who might have specific information that might help solve this

mystery, should call or write their local police or FBI office or write to: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, Wash. 98174.

Do not send any anonymous information. Authorities may wish to contact you to confirm the information, so be sure to include your name, address and phone number.

— DENNIS NEEDLE

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Date 12/14/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
 FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (164-571) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT: NORJAK  
 AIRCRAFT HIJACKING (A)  
 OO: SEATTLE

Re PX telephone call from SA JOSEPH C. KELLY to  
 Seattle, Supervisor [redacted], on 11/21/79, and Phoenix  
 telephone call to Portland, SA RALPH HIMMELSBACH, on 12/5/79.

Enclosed for Seattle are the following documents:

1. Two original letters addressed to [redacted]  
 dated [redacted], both signed [redacted].

2. One original envelope addressed to [redacted]  
 [redacted]

3. Original and one copy of an FD-302 and interview  
 notes concerning the receipt of the letters and envelope from  
 [redacted].

4. Two copies of an insert re investigation  
 conducted at Phoenix, Arizona.

5. Xerox copy of [redacted]  
 [redacted]

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PX 164-571  
JCK:bgb

Enclosed for Portland is one copy each of the above letters, envelope, news item and two copies of the FD-302 and two copies of the insert.

[redacted] current residence [redacted]  
[redacted] Arizona, telephone number [redacted]  
has been extremely difficult to interview on a personal basis.  
As mentioned in the enclosed insert, she is extremely fearful

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[redacted]  
During the dictation of this communication, [redacted]  
[redacted] telephonically advised the true name of [redacted]  
is as follows:

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[redacted] September, 1979, address 3150 Horton  
[redacted] and was [redacted] and would  
be living in [redacted]

In the event leads are set forth to interview [redacted]  
[redacted] regarding his possible knowledge of the NORJAK case,  
it is imperative that [redacted] identity as the  
original source of this information not be disclosed in any  
manner. It is to be noted that [redacted]

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No further investigation in this matter is deemed  
necessary at Phoenix, Arizona, at this time, and case should  
be placed in RUC status.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 12/18/79

FROM : SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
(OO: Seattle)  
Bu File 164-2111

Re memo to SAC of SA [ ] dated 12/12/79.

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Portland indices are negative concerning [ ]

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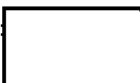
Case Agent has no recollection that [ ] was ever considered as a suspect in this matter in the past.

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[redacted], was contacted at her request and provided the following information:

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[redacted] had found a black colored parachute pack approximately three years ago. She found the parachute pack between [redacted] and the entrance to the freeway. [redacted] did not know the exact location where [redacted] found the parachute pack. The parachute pack laid around [redacted] for approximately three years before she determined what exactly it was. At that time she remembered that the color of the parachute involved in the D.B. COOPER hijacking had not been released, so she contacted the FBI.

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[redacted] provided the black colored parachute pack and stated that she does not want it back.

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Investigation on 12/6/79 at [redacted] Oregon File # PD 164-41-1771  
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 12/13/79

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 1/10/80

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
(OO: Seattle)

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On 12/3/79, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Oregon, telephone number [REDACTED], telephonically  
contacted the Medford RA of the FBI and stated that she had  
at [REDACTED] a black colored parachute pack which she felt  
could possibly have been connected to the D.B. COOPER hijacking  
case. She stated that she would make the parachute pack  
available to the FBI for use as necessary.

This matter was discussed with case agent, SA RALPH P.  
HIMMELSBACH, and writer was instructed to obtain the parachute  
pack from [REDACTED].

On 12/7/79, [REDACTED] turned the parachute pack  
over to SA [REDACTED]. At that time, she stated that she  
did not want the parachute pack back and if the FBI decided  
that it was not connected to captioned matter, it could be  
discarded.

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NORJAK PARACHUTES MISSING IN  
THIS MATTER WERE TAN AND SAGE  
GREEN. - RE REF: - IS BLACK CASE  
IS NOT IDENTICAL. *[Signature]*  
IT IS BEING DISCARDED. *[Signature]*  
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*Himmelsbach*

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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SAC, BALTIMORE (164-223) (SQ 8) (RUC)

NORJAK (A)  
OO: Seattle

Re BA airtel to Seattle, 11/9/79 and Portland airtel  
to Seattle, 10/29/79.

Inasmuch as no response has been received by Baltimore  
per above re communications, this above case is being considered  
RUC'd.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 1/21/80

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAC

Re Portland memo of SA [REDACTED], 12/12/79.

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The following investigation was conducted regarding possible suspect [REDACTED]:

By State Teletype, dated 12/12/79, the Department of Motor Vehicles, Salem, Oregon, advised [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Eugene, Oregon, holds valid Oregon driver's license number [REDACTED] issued [REDACTED], expiring [REDACTED] is described as male, DOB [REDACTED], 5'11", 180 pounds. His driving record reveals he was issued a duplicate license [REDACTED].

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On 1/4/80, [REDACTED] name was rechecked through the Area Information Records System (AIRS), a computerized law enforcement records system in Lane County, Oregon. As a result of this inquiry, information was received that [REDACTED] a white male, born [REDACTED], was the complainant concerning [REDACTED] reported to the Eugene Police Department on [REDACTED]. No other information is contained in the AIRS system concerning [REDACTED].

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By State Teletype, dated 1/8/80, the Department of Motor Vehicles, Salem, Oregon, advised [REDACTED] is the registered owner of the following vehicles:

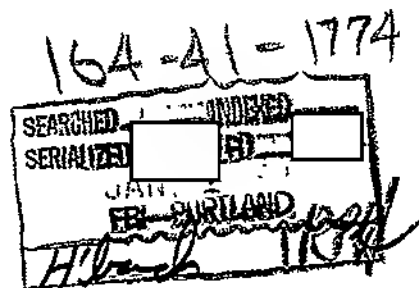
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- (1) 1977 Toyota pickup, Oregon license [REDACTED] registered to [REDACTED], DOB [REDACTED], DOB [REDACTED], Eugene, Oregon.

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- (2) [redacted] license [redacted]  
registered to [redacted]  
[redacted] same DOBs as  
above, [redacted]

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- (3) 1972 Chevrolet, four-door station  
wagon, Oregon license [redacted],  
registered to [redacted] at  
the above address.

On 1/9/80, [redacted] name was checked through Lane  
County Records and Deeds, and it was determined that [redacted]

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Warranty deed number [redacted] was reviewed and revealed  
the following information:

This warranty deed reveals that [redacted]

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The address for above property is shown as [redacted]  
[redacted].

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PORTLAND

AT EUGENE, OREGON. Continue background investigation  
regarding [redacted] to determine if he is a logical suspect.

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*Memorandum*

TO : SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH (164-41)

DATE: 1/24/80

FROM : SAC ARTHUR G. BARGER

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
OO: SEATTLE  
BUFILE: 164-2111

The following telephonic information was furnished by an anonymous source on 1/24/80:

[redacted], an employee [redacted] [redacted], Portland, Oregon, is a lookalike of "D. B. COOPER." Other circumstances surrounding the conduct of [redacted] suggests possible identity as D. B. COOPER. In addition to the likeness of the composite publicized, he is of slight build, between 5'10"-6', approximately 165-175 pounds and is between [redacted] years of age. His parents are from Texas and have an Air Force background. [redacted] [redacted], and this past year attended the annual D. B. COOPER Where Are You celebration in Ariel, Washington. Recently he announced to some co-employees [redacted]

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[redacted] is presently working at [redacted] [redacted] in Salem [redacted]. He apparently lives in Portland and rides his bicycle [redacted].

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The foregoing information is being furnished for whatever value it may be and for appropriate investigation as deemed necessary. You are reminded that [redacted] is [redacted] and I am sure he would be happy to be of assistance in any way he can in this matter.

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Post Office Box 709  
Portland, Oregon 97207

January 30, 1980

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[redacted]  
Reno, Nevada [redacted]

Dear [redacted]:

Thank you for your letter of December 22, 1979, furnishing information about a possible suspect in the so-called "D.B. Cooper" hijacking case.

Investigation of major cases such as this one is difficult and would not be possible without the cooperation of civic minded citizens. I want you to know your thoughtfulness in providing the information you did is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR G. BARGER  
Special Agent in Charge

By: [redacted]  
Supervisory Special Agent

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1 - Addressee  
1 - Portland (164-41)  
RP.H: [redacted]  
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DB Cooper 43208

Reno Nevada

12/22/79.

Dear Mr Ralph Himmelbach.

The enclosed newspaper Column brings to my mind of a happening in Reno Nevada. a week before the D. B. Cooper Hijacking.

I was a passenger on the local Reno Bus leaving the Holiday Hotel on Center St. heading for Park Lane Shopping Center. A man ran to the bus as it was leaving. I barged on the door, the bus stopped - the man boarded, and said in a loud voice "Take me to the Airport." The bus driver informed him, the bus did not go to the Airport. The driver informed the man he could let him off at a certain block during the trip, & he could walk a few blocks and arrive at the airport.

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The man who boarded the bus was a solid stocky man of good height, wore a brown dress suit, horn rimmed glasses. He sat on the edge of his seat, sort of anxious when the bus came to the block, the driver called to the man, that we were at the block he mentioned. The man said to the driver - "I just wanted to look the area over, and see how close I'd come to the airport. I'm not getting off."

The next time I seen the same man, it was a week after the hi-jacking - This man turned the corner of West Second St onto North Virginia St - He was hurrying - then he started to sprint. He crossed the street toward "Harold's Club" running fast. There was a north bound freight train coming through - he turned on Commercial Row and hopped on the freight. This man fit the description of D.B. Cooper. Maybe this may be of some help -

Respectfully

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## 8th anniversary marked in D.B. Cooper hijacking

By CLYDE FABIN

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI) — D.B. Cooper, who made America's criminal hall of fame when he pulled off the world's first aerial hijack for ransom and escaped by parachuting with the money, remains at large eight years after his daring deed.

A man using the name Cooper, whose first name turned out to be Dean, boarded a Northwest Orient Airlines Boeing 727 bound for Seattle on a cold and rainy night in Portland on Thanksgiving eve, 1971.

A few moments after takeoff he advised a stewardess he had a bomb in his briefcase and would blow up the plane if his demands were not met.

He ordered the crew to have \$200,000 in \$20 bills and three parachutes waiting for him in Seattle. They were delivered on landing. He then ordered the crew to fly the tri-jet, which had a rear door that opened below the tail, to Reno.

En route, he buckled on a parachute, ordered the crew to slow the airliner to about 200 mph and had a stewardess open the rear door. But he went with the money, never to be heard from again. No trace of him or the money ever has been found.

FBI agent Staig Himmelsbach was

on duty the night of the hijack, and he's been chasing Cooper ever since, putting in thousands of hours checking out every lead, and pursuing some of his own notions.

After eight years, Himmelsbach is just as enthusiastic in his pursuit as that first night.

"It hasn't been frustrating," he said. "It has been fascinating, interesting every step of the way."

Himmelsbach said he believes Cooper hid the money with the money at the bottom of Lake Mero in a south-west Washington wilderness area about 80 miles north of Portland.

But whether Cooper is dead or alive, Himmelsbach says the FBI is dedicated to checking out every tip, every clue.

There have been clues, but most of them have proved to be false or phony, such as "discovery" of a parachute, with rusty buckles, found a week ago in the suspected Cooper drop area. So was a pair of pants believed worn by Cooper, found hanging from a tree limb a few years back.

The veteran FBI agent is working his last Thanksgiving anniversary of the search for Cooper, because mandatory retirement from the FBI comes his way next Sept. 30.

Nevada State Journal, Thursday, 11/22/79

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SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

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Bufile 164-2111

Re suspect [redacted] (ph), Woodland, Washington.

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For information of Seattle, on 1/15/80, an adult male telephonically contacted the Portland Office to furnish the following information:

He considers as a possible suspect in this matter one [redacted] (phonetic), a white male in his 50's who has brown hair, balding, who fits the physical description of Unsub and who resembles the composite that has been published numerous times in the media. This complainant stated that [redacted] drives a [redacted] automobile with a black vinyl top, has considerable funds, the source of which is unknown, hangs out at bars in Woodland, Washington, claims to [redacted] Woodland, although the complainant stated he has reason to believe the individual [redacted]. Complainant stated that [redacted].

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The above complainant declined to furnish his name, but he furnished his Social Security number as [redacted]. He stated he reads the newspapers and should [redacted] be identified and arrested, he will come forward and reveal himself.

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AT WOODLAND, WASHINGTON. Will, if [redacted] has not already been processed and eliminated, consider him as a possible suspect in this matter.

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UNSUB, aka  
Dan Cooper;  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT -  
AIRCRAFT HIJACKING (A)  
(OO: Portland)

On 12/27/79, Lieutenant [redacted] of the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, McMinnville, Oregon, advised that a [redacted] of [redacted], McMinnville, Oregon, telephone [redacted], had come into his office today and advised that he had information on the identity of DAN COOPER. [redacted] told Lieutenant [redacted] that [redacted] evidently had lived next to an individual who he believes is the UNSUB COOPER, [redacted]. Lieutenant [redacted] advised [redacted] that he would contact the FBI and have them make contact with him regarding this matter.

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On 12/28/79, [redacted] was contacted at his residence, [redacted], McMinnville, Oregon, by SA [redacted] advised that [redacted] had told them that he was sure that the individual being sought for aircraft piracy using the name DAN COOPER was, in fact, a former neighbor of his by the name of [redacted] supposedly was [redacted] Oregon, [redacted] Oregon. According to [redacted] told him that the composite that he saw in the newspapers of DAN COOPER was exactly the same in appearance as the individual by the name of [redacted]. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] told him that [redacted] is now [redacted] living somewhere in Canada.

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[redacted] advised [redacted] resides at [redacted] [redacted], Oregon, and can be contacted at telephone [redacted]. He advised he is employed as a [redacted] area. He further stated

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that [ ] was a previous neighbor and not a neighbor of  
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AT [ ] OREGON. Contact [ ]  
regarding information he has concerning [ ]

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 TO DIRECTOR ([64-2][]) IMMEDIATE

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ATTN: CID, ATTN: [REDACTED]

NORJAK. OO: SEATTLE.

RE PORTLAND TELCAL TO MR. HOMER A. BOYNTON, JR.,  
 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, FEBRUARY 12, 1980.

TO CONFIRM INFORMATION SET FORTH IN REFERENCED TELCAL,  
 [REDACTED] OF VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON,  
 CONTACTED PORTLAND OFFICE REGARDING PARTIALLY DECOMPOSED  
 \$20 BILLS WHICH THEY FOUND ON A STRIP OF LAND BETWEEN  
 THE COLUMBIA RIVER AND LAKE VANCOUVER. AT LEAST NINE  
 OF THESE BILLS ARE IDENTICAL WITH RANSOM LOOT THIS MATTER.  
 EXACT TOTAL AMOUNT INDETERMINABLE DUE TO CONDITION, BUT  
 BELIEVED TO BE SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS OF E.A.D. BOYNTON, NATIONAL PRESS CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN PORTLAND OFFICE 3 P.M., P.S.T. THIS DATE, AND SAME BEING HELD BY SEATTLE DIVISION, 3:15 P.M., P.S.T.

A SEARCH OF AREA WHERE BILLS FOUND BEING CONDUCTED BY PORTLAND AND SEATTLE AGENTS.

AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY SUBSEQUENT TO PRESS CONFERENCE, RANSOM BILLS WILL BE FORWARDED TO FBI LAB.

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TO SEATTLE (164-81)

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SALT LAKE CITY

SAN DIEGO

MINNEAPOLIS

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NORJAK, OO SEATTLE.

FOR INFO RECEIVING OFFICES, AT 3:00 PM, PST, TODAY,  
FEBRUARY 12, 1980, PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN PORTLAND  
OFFICE WHICH WILL ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING:

COPY ATTACHED PRESS RELEASE.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Portland, Oregon

January 12, 1980

PRESS RELEASE

Arthur G. Barger, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for Oregon, has announced a development in a crime which began on the night of November 24, 1971, at Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon, and has become widely known since that time as the D. B. Cooper Hijacking Case.

On the night before Thanksgiving, 1971, a man who gave the name Dan Cooper bought a one-way ticket on Northwest Airlines Flight 305 from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington. Upon departing Portland International Airport, Cooper notified a stewardess that he was hijacking the aircraft and displayed to her what he said was a bomb in his briefcase. The flight proceeded to Seattle, where after maintaining a holding pattern for several hours, it was permitted to land and refuel. After \$200,000 and four parachutes demanded by the hijacker were brought on board, he released all of the passengers and all but four members of the crew. The flight then took off and proceeded south through Washington toward Reno, Nevada. The hijacker instructed that the flaps and gear remain lowered and the rear stair door open. As the aircraft passed over LaCenter, Washington, cabin

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pressure fluctuation was observed, which was later determined to indicate his departure from the aircraft through the rear stairwell door. Since that time no trace of the hijacker, the parachutes, or the money has been found until Sunday, February 10, 1980.

On that date while on an outing with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dwayne Ingram of Vancouver, Washington, discovered a sum of money partially buried by sand in the north river bank of the Columbia River, approximately five miles down river from the U.S. Interstate 5 bridge crossing between Portland and Vancouver, Washington. The Ingrams contacted the FBI and an examination of the badly decomposed \$20 bills reveals that they bear serial numbers identical to a portion of those given to the hijacker. Because of the decomposed nature of the bills an exact estimate of the recovered money is not possible pending a laboratory examination, however, it appears to be several thousand dollars. The packaging and the numbered sequence indicate that the bills have not been separated and are in much the same order as when given to the hijacker. The bills will be sent immediately to the FBI Laboratory for additional examination.

It appears logical that the package of bills could have been carried downstream on one of the Washington tributaries of the Columbia River to the site where they were found.

Special Agents of the FBI from Oregon and Washington have secured the area and commenced an intensive search.

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For the information of the media, those present at a news conference conducted at the office of the FBI, Portland, at 3:00 p.m. on February 12, 1980, were William M. Baker, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the FBI for Oregon, Ralph P. Himmelsbach, Special Agent of the FBI, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dwayne Ingram.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY, DOCUMENT SECTION, SA [ ] &  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

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Re Portland teletype to FBIHQ, attention [ ]  
[ ], 2/12/80.

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Forwarded under separate cover to the Bureau are 12 plastic packets, each containing an unknown quantity of U. S. currency in a deteriorating condition.

REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY, DOCUMENT SECTION

Separate currency to determine exact amount contained therein.

Examine soil residue co-mingled with currency, to determine soil type, to assist in determining possible other location where currency may have been besides sandy beach area.

REQUEST OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

Examine currency for any latent fingerprints contained thereon.

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

It is mutually agreed and understood between the United States and carriers, in **PORTLAND**, that parties to this bill of lading that:

This bill of lading is governed by the regulations relating thereto as published in Title 4, Part 52 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Except as provided in 4 CFR 52 or as otherwise stated hereon, this bill of lading is also subject to the same rules and conditions as govern commercial shipments made on the usual forms provided therefor by the carrier.

Prepayment of charges shall in no way be demanded nor shall carrier make any collection of charges at time of delivery.

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIONS

1. Continuation sheets of the prescribed form should be used and attached hereto when space under "Description of Articles" on the face of this bill of lading is inadequate.

2. Where accessorial or special services, such as exclusive use of car or truck, expedited service, protective service, reconsignment, etc., are ordered incident to the line-haul transportation, the bill of lading shall be endorsed to show the name of the carrier upon which the request was made and the kind and scope of the special services ordered. The endorsement may be placed on the face hereof under the "Description of Articles" or in the block reserved for "Marks," if space is available, or in the space provided on this page for "Special Services Ordered," and shall be signed by or for the person who ordered the services. If such an endorsement is impractical, the same information may be set forth in a statement bearing the number of the covering bill of lading, which shall be signed by or for the person who ordered the services and, if possible, attached to the bill of lading. If the bill of lading is not available, the original and one copy of the statement shall be surrendered to the carrier from which the services were ordered, the original to be transmitted to the last line-haul carrier for presentation in connection with the bill for line-haul transportation charges.

Where accessorial or special services are shown as ordered but were not furnished, the bill of lading shall be so annotated.

3. Shortage or damage reports shall be made on agency-designated forms, not on the bill of lading. Consignees shall observe the instructions on the reverse of the Consignee's Copy of the bill of lading.

4. 5 GAO 3 issued by the Comptroller General of the United States contains detailed billing instructions. Copies may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D C. 20402.

## SPECIAL SERVICES ORDERED

**U.S. GOVERNMENT BILL OF LADING  
MEMORANDUM COPY**

**L- 0683547**

TRANSPORTATION COMPANY		<b>FEDERAL EXPRESS</b>		B/L NO. ORDER/RELEASE NO.	
TENDERED TO		<b>STOP</b>		THIS CAR OR TRUCK AT	
FOR CAR, TRUCK OR CONTAINER INITIALS AND NO.		KIND		<b>IMPORTANT</b>  Issuing office to retain one memorandum copy and send one copy to fiscal office.	
RECEIVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY NAMED ABOVE, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS NAMED ON THE REVERSE OF THE ORIGINAL BILL OF LADING, THE PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, IN APPARENT GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION (CONTENTS AND VALUE UNKNOWN), TO BE FORWARDED TO DESTINATION BY THE SAID COMPANY AND CONNECTING LINES, THERE TO BE DELIVERED IN LIKE GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION TO SAID CONSIGNEE.		FROM <b>FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION 1500 S.W. FIRST, PORTLAND OR 97201</b> <i>(Shipping point)</i>		MARKED CAPACITY + ORDERED    FURNISHED	
				DATE FURNISHED +    DATE B/L ISSUED	
CONSIGNEE (Name, address and ZIP code)		MARKS		CHARGES TO BE BILLED TO DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY <b>U.S. DEPT OF JUSTICE</b> BUREAU OR OFFICE <b>Federal Bureau of Investigation</b> <b>Washington, D.C. 20535</b> <i>(Street address)                      (City)                      (State or country)                      (ZIP code)</i>	
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VIA (Route shipment when advantageous to the Government)		APPROPRIATION CHARGEABLE		CONTRACTORS WILL RETURN UNUSED OR CANCELED BILLS OF LADING TO GOVERNMENT OFFICE FROM WHICH RECEIVED.	
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APPLIED BY:		FOR CARRIER'S USE ONLY WAYBILL NO. OR FREIGHT BILL NO.			

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CARRIER FURNISHED <input type="checkbox"/> PICKUP SERVICE AT ORIGIN. <input type="checkbox"/> TRAP-CAR INITIALS OF SHIPPER'S AGENT		B/L NO. <b>L- 0683547</b>	FOR USE OF ISSUING OFFICE CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER NO. OR OTHER AUTHORITY _____ DATED _____	
NAME OF TRANSPORTATION COMPANY <b>FEDERAL EXPRESS</b>		F.O.B. POINT NAMED _____ NAME OF ISSUING OFFICER _____ DATE <b>2/13/80</b> TITLE <b>Support Services Supv.</b> ISSUING OFFICE <b>Federal Bureau of Investigation</b> <b>1500 S.W. FIRST, PORTLAND, OR 97201</b> <i>(Street address)                      (City)                      (State or country)                      (ZIP code)</i>		
DATE OF RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT		INITIAL CARRIER'S AGENT, BY SIGNATURE BELOW, CERTIFIES HE RECEIVED THE ORIGINAL BILL OF LADING.		
SIGNATURE OF AGENT		PER		

THIS CONSIGNMENT DELIVERED COMPLETE AND IN APPARENT GOOD ORDER EXCEPT AS MAY BE INDICATED HEREAFTER.

☐ CARRIER OS&D REPORT ATTACHED.      CARRIER FURNISHED ☐ DELIVERY ☐ TRAP-CAR SERVICE AT DESTINATION

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Date FEBRUARY 12, 1980

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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ATTN.: FBI LABORATORY, DOCUMENT SECTION, SA [REDACTED]

NORJAK; OO:SEATTLE.

RE PORTLAND TELETYPE TO FBIHQ, ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1980.

BEING FORWARDED TO FBIHQ BY FEDERAL EXPRESS IS A PACKAGE  
 CONTAINING EVIDENCE TO BE EXAMINED BY THE LABORATORY DIVISION  
 AND THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. THE BILL OF LADING NUMBER IS  
 L-0,683,547.

PACKAGE IS TO ARRIVE AT FBIHQ AROUND NOON ON FEBRUARY 14,  
 1980.

AM COPY BEING FORWARDED TO SEATTLE.

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①-Portland

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : FILE (164-41)

DATE: 2/12/80

FROM : ASAC WILLIAM M. BAKER

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Pursuant to being notified by SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH that serial numbers from partially-decomposed \$20 bills turned over to him on 2/12/80 matched serial numbers used in ransom money of captioned case, the following steps were immediately taken:

The individual who found the money, [REDACTED], was interviewed by SAs HIMMELSBACH and [REDACTED]. The exact location where the money was found, on a strip of land between the Columbia River and Lake Vancouver, was pinpointed. The complete cooperation of [REDACTED] was obtained and they agreed to accompany FBI Agents to physically determine the locate site. b6 b7C

Simultaneously, the Seattle Division ASAC, [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED], Vancouver RA, Seattle Division, were notified of this development. Mr. HOMER BOYNTON and SAC BARGER, Portland Division, were telephonically advised at FBIHQ of above and that ASAC proposed a major press conference be held at 3:00 p.m. this date. This was approved and Seattle Division was advised to hold a similar press conference. Media Representative SA [REDACTED] telephonically advised appropriate media contacts that a press conference was to be held to reveal a major development in captioned case. b6 b7C

Agents of the Portland Division were sent home and instructed to dress in appropriate warm clothing for cold weather search and all Agent conference scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

[REDACTED], Northwest Orient Airlines, Portland International Airport, was notified, as were Northwest [REDACTED], both Minneapolis, home office, telephone (612) 726-2331. SAC Secretary, Minneapolis, also was apprised of above contacts. b6 b7C

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

164-41-1784  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Himmelsbach [REDACTED]

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Arrangements were made [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], in order to  
maintain confidentiality [REDACTED]



Date 2.11.97

File 164-41 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class. \_\_\_\_\_ Office of Origin \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Serial \_\_\_\_\_

 Pending

☐ Closed

Serial No.

### Description of Serial

**Date Charged**

1785 Missing when purging case  
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## RECHARGE

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

Initials of Clerk

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date charged

Employee

**Location**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 2/15/80

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK  
(OO: Seattle)

On 2/15/80, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Oregon, [REDACTED], work number [REDACTED], appeared at the  
Portland Office of the FBI in response to newspaper article  
concerning D.B. COOPER. [REDACTED] had altered a picture in the  
paper somewhat to accurately describe an individual they knew  
as [REDACTED], located at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] last known to be at the  
[REDACTED], Norfolk, Virginia, where he was an  
[REDACTED] advised  
he and [REDACTED] had hunted the Cascades [REDACTED] while they  
[REDACTED] was quite familiar with  
outdoor living. [REDACTED] advised he and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised additionally  
there was an individual [REDACTED] named [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] who [REDACTED] disliked very much.

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[REDACTED] advised their last contact with [REDACTED] was in  
Norfolk in the latter part of [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] would  
now be approximately [REDACTED] years old. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and has not been heard from since.  
[REDACTED] is described as having pretty eyes, effeminate appearance,  
was quiet and a loner. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] seemed to have  
been [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] advised he believes he has a picture of [REDACTED]  
and can locate [REDACTED] at home as [REDACTED] is currently  
in Portland [REDACTED]  
advised he would make this picture and [REDACTED] available  
if contacted in [REDACTED].

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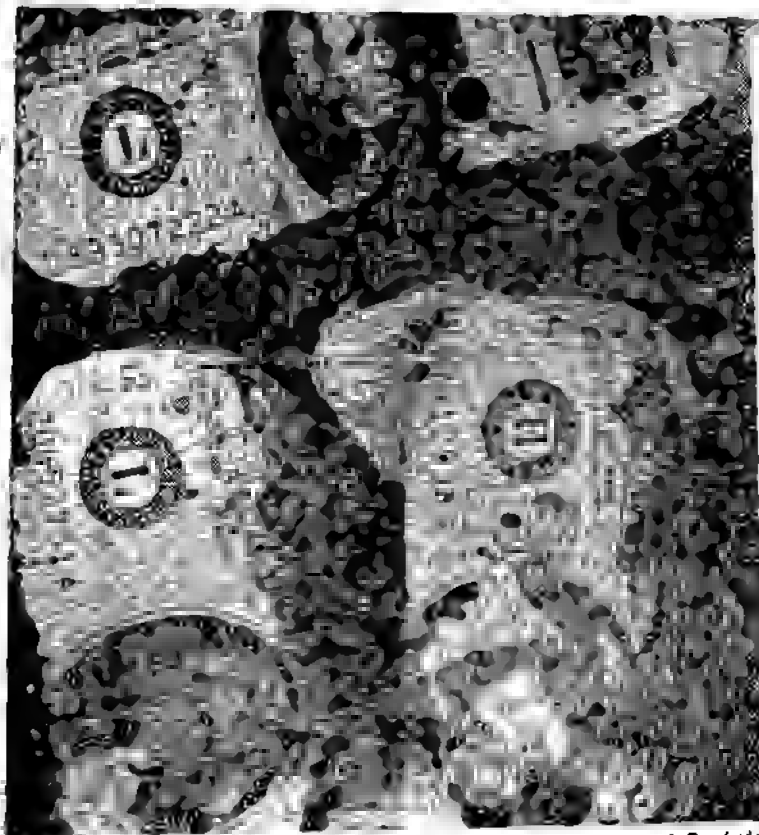
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AT [REDACTED], OREGON. Contact [REDACTED] in  
effort to obtain picture of [REDACTED] and obtain [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] for future references.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation... to D.B. Cooper. Brian... Vancouver, Wash.

ig ran several pages of purport-  
interview with Cooper, and two  
ap County men were arrested  
selling a fake interview with  
per to a former contributing  
tor of Newsweek for \$30,000.  
Five months ago, two Tacoma  
men said they had talked with

D.B. Cooper, who, they said, was  
living in Puyallup. The man told  
them that the money was buried  
under a pile of garbage at the  
Puyallup dump.

Mostly, however, people just  
have had fun with the D.B. Cooper  
story. T-shirts with the picture of  
D.B. Cooper in his sunglasses and  
bearing the legend, "D.B. Cooper,  
'Where Are You?'" became popular,  
and there even was a song  
written about him.

The residents of Ariel, Cowlitz  
County, near where Cooper sup-  
posedly bailed out, started holding  
an annual "D.B. Cooper Day" to  
commemorate the event. The festi-  
val, called the "Cooper Caper,"  
featured bear stew and sky divers  
and attracted more than 500 peo-  
ple. But not, apparently, D.B.  
Cooper.

As for the two Federal Bureau  
of Investigation agents who have  
been on the case since it began,  
they say they believe D.B. Cooper  
probably died the night he went  
out the plane.

"It is my personal opinion that  
he is dead," said Joseph O'Con-  
nell, who has retired. "He jumped  
out of a plane at 10,000 feet on a  
cold, raw night and he jumped in  
an area densely populated with  
Douglas fir and ponderosa pine."

Ralph Himmelsbach, Portland  
F.B.I. agent who is to retire Feb-  
ruary 29, said he was "delighted"  
about the money being found. He  
said the find reduced the chances  
of Cooper ever being found alive

"They find some bones," Fisher  
said. Then the telephone rang in  
the next room, Fisher raced to an-  
swer it, laughed and announced,  
"San Jose calling."

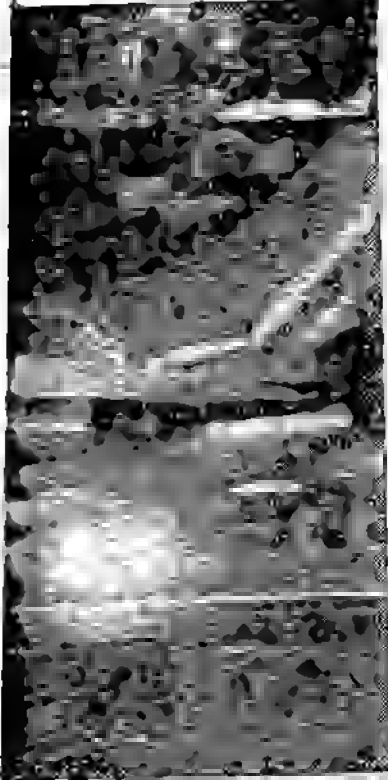


*Ralph Himmelsbach*

These are sketches of Cooper  
made from the recollections of  
passengers and crew of the hi-  
jacked airliner.

## Freight-train crash kills 1, injures 5

ORLEANS ROAD, W.Va. —  
(AP) — Two Chessie System  
freight trains crashed head-on be-  
fore dawn yesterday, killing an en-  
gineer and injuring five crewmen.  
The crash killed Barbara Jean  
Hopkins, an engineer who was  
driving the westbound train, ac-  
cording to Ted Fisher, a trainmas-



Staff photo by Bruce

Portland, Oregon

February ~~12~~<sup>13</sup>, 1980

PRESS RELEASE

Arthur G. Barger, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation for the District of Oregon, advised Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, assisted by officers of the Clark County, Washington, Sheriff's Department, conducted a search of a section of beach on the bank of the Columbia River approximately nine miles downstream from the Interstate 5 Bridge between Portland and Vancouver. Nothing was located in the search during the day except for a few more small fragments of bills similar to those found on February 12, 1980, at the same location as that from which the bills were removed by the Ingram family on February 10, 1980.

It has been determined through the records of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that the material on the beach was deposited there as the result of a dredging operation in the Columbia River in August, 1974. The assistance of a geologist has been obtained in an effort to determine whether or not the money was deposited at that location as a part of the spoilage of the dredging operation. The meticulous search of the beach area will continue on February ~~21~~<sup>14</sup>, 1980.

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NEWS INQUIRY RE D. B. COOPER MATTER

The search of the pertinent Columbia Riverbank area has been completed. The total find consisted of the bills found by [redacted] and a few fragments of bills.

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The results are now being evaluated to determine what future investigative efforts will be feasible.

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  - 1 - [redacted]
  - 1 - SA HIMMELSBACH
  - 1 - Switchboard
  - 1 - Each Supervisor (5)
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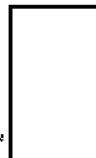
REMARKS:

Enclosed is letter from the  
Law Offices   
Minneapolis, Minnesota, dated 2/14/80  
which was forwarded to the Portland Office.  
You may wish to coordinate requests for  
recovered money by Northwest Airlines and  
Globe Indemnity Company and correspond  
with them accordingly.

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A SAC WILLIAM R. BAKER

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February 14, 1980

Mr. Bill Baker  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon 97207


Re: D. B. Cooper

Dear Mr. Baker:

We have become aware that some of the money given to D. B. Cooper has been recovered. This letter is to advise you that our client, Globe Indemnity Company, reimbursed Northwest Airlines for the money which was given to D. B. Cooper. It is our opinion, based on the terms of the contract pursuant to which such indemnification was made, that Globe Indemnity is entitled to receive any recovery made until the full amount of indemnification has been repaid.

We would appreciate being kept advised of what recovery is or has been made.

Very truly yours,

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs  
[redacted] on February 13, 1980:

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AT PORTLAND, OREGON

[redacted], Waterways Maintenance Branch, Navigation Division, U.S. Army Engineer District, 319 S.W. Pine, telephone [redacted] was contacted regarding dredging operations on the Columbia River since November 24, 1971. The purpose of obtaining this information was to determine if it was possible that the bait money located on the beach property on the [redacted] Vancouver, Washington, on February 10, 1980, could have been placed there through dredging operations on the Columbia River.

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[redacted], after a review of his records, advised that the only dredging operation between November 24, 1971, and the present in the vicinity of the [redacted] was during August 6 through September 18, 1974.

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Material dredged from the river channel in the Columbia River was placed in several locations on or near the [redacted] as well as one location across the river on the Oregon side.

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The dredge material deposited at the site where the money was located came from the north half of the ship channel, which is 300 feet wide, between river mile 96 plus 38 feet and river mile 97 plus 17 feet. This material was deposited on the beach area of the [redacted] between August 19 through the 25th, 1974, and consisted of 91,100 cubic yards of fill.

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The channel is maintained at 40 feet in depth and all the material above 40 feet is dredged out. The dredge "Washington" of the General Construction Company did the dredging on this project. It had a 24 inch pipe with wiper bar inside the pipe. The wiper bar keeps large objects such as rocks from passing through the pipe. Mr. [redacted] stated it would be possible for a 16x16x4 inch package to get through the pipe; however, it is likely that a package that size or a human body or parts thereof would

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c/a 4/16/80 J [redacted]

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be broken into pieces by the auger then passed through the pipe and deposited on the beach. The material deposited on the beach was spread with tractors probably over a area of 50 yards in each direction. Because of the flow of the Columbia River, sand deposited on the bank by the dredge is washed away. Additionally, an amount of dredge material deposited on the beach slides back into the river. [redacted]

[redacted] added that the dredge works 24 hours a day and any objects such as money or bones would go unnoticed if deposited on the shore during the night.

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[redacted] provided six aerial photographs of the Columbia River which show the area where the 1974 dredge material was deposited on the [redacted]. The September 6, 1974, photographs show the deposit left after the dredging and is marked to indicate where the money was located. The August 9, 1970, photographs show the area before the dredging, and the September 29, 1979, photographs show the area as it appears at present.

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[redacted] also provided a chart titled Columbia River Willow Bar, dated December 4, 1979, which has been marked to show the location of the money, dredge material, and area of the channel that was dredged.

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ATTN.: PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT

NORJAK; OO:SEATTLE.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM SUPERVISOR [REDACTED], PERSONAL  
 CRIMES UNIT, TO PORTLAND, FEBRUARY 19 AND 20, 1980.

IN RESPONSE TO BUREAU REQUEST FOR SUMMARY OF INFORMATION ON  
 RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER, THE FOLLOWING IS SET FORTH:

AT APPROXIMATELY 5:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 11, 1980, [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, TELEPHONICALLY  
 CONTACTED THE PORTLAND OFFICE TO ADVISE HE HAD FOUND SOME OLD DE-  
 COMPOSED \$20 BILLS, AND HE WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER THE BILLS WERE  
 BEING SOUGHT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES. NCIC CHECKS OF THREE  
 SERIAL NUMBERS FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] DISCLOSED TWO WERE ON NORJAK  
 RANSOM LIST. THIRD SERIAL NUMBER FURNISHED CONTAINED TOO MANY

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DIGITS AND WAS NOT A HIT. [REDACTED], WHO HAD BEEN CALLING FROM COIN TELEPHONE FROM VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, CALLED BACK AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30 P.M. TO DETERMINE RESULTS OF NCIC CHECK AND WAS TOLD FBI WAS INTERESTED IN THE MONEY. APPOINTMENT WAS MADE FOR HIM TO BRING MONEY TO PORTLAND OFFICE, 9:00 A.M., FEBRUARY 12, 1980. AT APPROXIMATELY 9:45 A.M., FEBRUARY 12, 1980, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], APPEARED AT PORTLAND OFFICE AND FURNISHED PORTLAND CASE AGENT, SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH, WITH PLASTIC BAGGIE CONTAINING SEVERAL CLUMPS OF \$20 BILLS, INCLUDING THOSE WITH SERIAL NUMBERS PREVIOUSLY CHECKED, AND ADDITIONAL NUMBERS CONTAINED ON RANSOM LIST AND IDENTIFIABLE AS RANSOM. [REDACTED] STATED THEY HAD BEEN ON FAMILY OUTING ON BEACH OF COLUMBIA RIVER NEAR LAKE VANCOUVER, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 10, 1980, WHEN

[REDACTED] DECIDED TO BUILD A BONFIRE. HE ASSEMBLED SOME DRIFTWOOD, AND AS HE STARTED TO PLACE IT ON THE BEACH SAND TO BUILD A FIRE,

[REDACTED] BENT DOWN AND, WITH HIS HANDS, SMOOTHED THE SAND TO CLEAR A PLACE TO BUILD THE FIRE. AT THAT MOMENT, [REDACTED] WITH HIS HANDS, A BUNDLE THAT TURNED OUT TO BE THE MONEY IN THIS MATTER. THE MONEY, AT THAT

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TIME, WAS IN A PARCEL BARELY HELD TOGETHER BY DECOMPOSED RUBBER-BANDS WHICH CRUMBLLED AND FELL AWAY UPON BEING HANDLED. VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY EXAMINED AND HANDLED THE MONEY WHICH THEY THEN TOOK HOME WITH THEM THAT EVENING. THE FOLLOWING DAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1980, [ ] RELATED THE STORY OF THE FINDING OF THE MONEY TO FELLOW EMPLOYEES AT U-CART MANUFACTURING COMPANY, VANCOUVER, WHERE [ ], AND THEY TOLD HIM ABOUT THE COOPER SKYJACKING CASE AND POSSIBILITY THAT THE MONEY MAY HAVE COME FROM THIS RANSOM. HE THEN CONTACTED THE PORTLAND FBI OFFICE UPON GETTING OFF OF WORK THAT DAY.

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AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 12, 1980, [ ] APPEARED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE PORTLAND FBI OFFICE AT WHICH TIME [ ] RELATED TO THE PRESS THE ABOVE STORY RELATING TO THE FINDING OF THE MONEY. ON FEBRUARY 13, 1980, [ ] [ ] VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA HIMMELSBACH AT THE PORTLAND FBI OFFICE TO ADVISE THAT THE STORY OF THE FINDING OF THE MONEY BY [ ] WAS NOT ENTIRELY ACCURATE. SHE STATED THAT THE MONEY HAD ACTUALLY BEEN FOUND BY [ ]

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WHO WERE PLAYING TOGETHER IN THE SAND BY THE FIRE WHILE, AT THE TIME THE MONEY WAS FOUND, [REDACTED] WAS MANY FEET AWAY FROM THE FIRE AND THE PLACE WHERE THE MONEY WAS FOUND AND WAS ACTUALLY NEAR THE WATER'S EDGE. UNDER CLOSE QUESTIONING ABOUT THE ENTIRE INCIDENT, [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT PERHAPS NOT ALL OF THE MONEY HAD BEEN TURNED IN BY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SHE AGREED TO DO WHAT SHE COULD TO SEE THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE RANSOM THAT HAD BEEN FOUND WAS TURNED IN TO THE FBI. ON FEBRUARY 14, 1980, [REDACTED] AFTER MAKING AN APPOINTMENT, APPEARED AT THE PORTLAND FBI OFFICE AND TURNED IN FOUR MORE \$20 BILLS FROM THE RANSOM. AT THAT TIME, SHE REITERATED HER PREVIOUS ACCOUNT OF THE MONEY BEING ACTUALLY FOUND BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 19, 1980, [REDACTED] REITERATED HER EARLIER STORY THAT THE MONEY HAD ACTUALLY BEEN FOUND BY [REDACTED] WHILE [REDACTED] WAS QUITE A DISTANCE AWAY FROM THE [REDACTED] BY THE WATER'S EDGE.

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ON FEBRUARY 20, 1980, [ ] TELE-  
 PHONICALLY CONTACTED SA HIMMELSBACH, ADVISING THAT SHE HAD  
 HEARD ON THE RADIO THAT THE FBI WAS MAKING AN AWARD TO [ ]  
 FOR HAVING FOUND THE MONEY. SHE WANTED TO CONFIRM THIS. SHE  
 WAS TOLD THAT THE PORTLAND DIVISION HAD NO SUCH INFORMATION.  
 SHE THEN ASKED IF [ ] HAD VISITED THE PORTLAND OFFICE,  
 WHICH WAS ACKNOWLEDGED, AND SHE ASKED IF [ ] BROUGHT ANYTHING  
 WITH HER, AND THIS WAS ACKNOWLEDGED, AND SHE THEN ASKED HOW MANY,  
 AND WAS TOLD FOUR. SHE THEN SAID THAT SHE AND [ ] HAD KEPT  
 TWO BILLS EACH FROM THE RANSOM MONEY FOUND FOR SOUVENIRS NOT  
 REALIZING WHAT IT WAS, AND THAT WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE EX-  
 PLAINED TO THEM, THEY, [ ], RETURNED THE MONEY TO THE  
 PORTLAND FBI OFFICE. [ ] THEN REITERATED THE  
 ACCOUNT PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY [ ] AS TO THE  
 FINDING OF THE MONEY BY [ ], AND STATED THAT [ ]  
 WAS NOT AT THE POINT PLAYING WITH [ ] WHEN THE MONEY WAS FOUND.  
 SHE STATED THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME ANIMOSITY IN THE FAMILY INASMUCH  
 AS [ ]

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IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE DISPARITY OF STORIES RELATED BY VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE [REDACTED] THE PORTLAND OFFICE FEELS THAT THE INTRAFAMILY RELATIONSHIP OF THE [REDACTED] WILL NOT BE ENHANCED BY THE RECOGNITION OF THE BUREAU OF THE FINDING OF THE MONEY BY ANY WRITTEN COMMUNICATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

On February 20, 1980, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District,  
telephone [REDACTED], was contacted regarding the possibility that  
bait money found near the [REDACTED] on February 10,  
1980, could have been brought to that area by a river feeding  
the Columbia River from the north.

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The area believed to be the drop zone of the subject in  
1971, is described as that area in the State of Washington  
bounded on the north by the Lewis River, the east by the  
Clark County-Skamania County line, and the Columbia River.

[REDACTED] advised the only likely river feeding the Columbia  
River within the above described drop zone that would be  
capable of moving several bundles of money or a package  
about 16x16x4 inches to the Columbia River would be the  
Washougal River. A logical time, if the money came down the  
Washougal, would have been during the December 2, 1977  
Washougal flood when parts of the river were approximately  
ten feet over the normal winter flood stage.

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There are several other streams that feed the  
Columbia River upstream from the [REDACTED]  
however, due to size, or the degree of slope of the  
streams, it is unlikely that a small package would have  
made it to the Columbia. It is also unlikely that a  
small package would have passed through Lacamas Lake downstream  
to the Columbia.

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[REDACTED] stated that based on the three feet per second  
speed of the Columbia River, if a small package entered the Columbia  
River at Washougal, Washington, and floated in the main stream  
of the river to the [REDACTED] a distance approximately  
thirty miles, it would take 14.7 hours. This is assuming that  
the package did not tumble along the bottom of the river or  
get caught on any snags.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted], Portland State University, home address [redacted], home telephone number [redacted], work telephone number [redacted] was interviewed following [redacted] Tena Bar in Vancouver, Washington, where portions of \$20 bills had been found. These \$20 bills were among the money furnished a person identifying himself as D. B. COOPER during a 1971 airplane high-jacking attempt. [redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] of the Portland, Oregon, FBI Office.

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[redacted] advised that he found the beach area in the vicinity where the money was found to be in approximately four different layers. These layers consisted of an upper sand layer, a post dredging sand layer, a clay lump (dredge) sand layer, and below that an older sand layer. The upper layer consisted of six inches to eight inches of reworked beach sand and is the sand which contained the fragments and bundles of the recovered money. This sand also contained soda pop cans and other debris, which were not severely damaged or rusted. The post dredging sand contained older soda pop cans, rusted nails and spikes, and other rusted artifacts, which were in a much more deteriorated condition. The clay lump (dredge) sand was a mixture of coarse sand and fragments of organic clay material, ranging from one inch to five inches in size. Based on U.S. Corps of Engineering records which reflect that they dredged the Columbia River at this site in 1974, [redacted] stated this clay layer in all probability, was deposited during that 1974 dredging. The older sands, which were light in color and uniform in texture and which were found below the clay lump sand, were deposited prior to the 1974 dredging.

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[redacted] advised that in the post dredging layer, he found cross bedded coarse and medium sand, which indicated the river and river waves had worked repeatedly on this layer since 1974. The upper six inches to eight inches of reworked beach sand is the active layer which is currently being worked by the water of the Columbia River.

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Based on the condition of the money through observation, [redacted] advised that the money was probably washed into the location where it was found by natural river flow and was probably placed at the location of Tena Bar during the last rise in the Columbia River in the past two or three months.

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[redacted] Date dictated 2/14/80

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[redacted] based this belief on three facts. The first fact being that the money was rounded off on the corners, which would indicate a rolling motion and would indicate the flow of the river. The second fact was that the money was found in the surface layer of the upper reworked beach sand. The third fact was that the distribution of the money was in this surface layer only, and none was found to be in the post dredging sand. When reminded of the fact that the rubber bands holding the money together were still in place, but extremely brittle and crumbled upon touch, [redacted] stated that the condition of the rubber bands would tend to lend credence to the assumption that the money had been at the location where found a longer period of time. Even with this, he still felt the money was not at the site for more than a year. At the height found, the money was definitely deposited more than four years after the dredging of the Columbia River in 1974. He also added that he felt certain that the money did not work its way up through the post dredging sand to the upper layer.

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[redacted] found during his work at the site and areas surrounding the site, that the clay lump (dredged) sand ranging from a depth of approximately four feet, 25 yards from the money site, to only two feet where the money was found. He advised that this could be caused by many reasons, but most probably caused by the different elevations of the beach sand at the time the dredging occurred.

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Regarding the fact that the money itself was remarkably well preserved, [redacted] advised that sand is sterile, and in nature, is probably the best preservative of any soil. This could also be the reason that the rubber bands were still in place around the money, although they were badly deteriorated, and would also lead credence to the fact that the money had been deposited in sand the major portion of the time since it was lost. The money would not have lasted for more than a year in nature unless protected. He added that fragments of the money could have been washed anywhere down stream in the Columbia, but he doubted that any additional money found would be as well preserved unless it had been deposited in an upper layer of sand.

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[redacted] displayed a U.S. Geological Survey-Topographical Map, Bridal Veil Washington - Oregon Section, which reflected a twelve mile cross section of the drainage basin for the Washougal River. It is from this area, [redacted] felt the money likely originated from. He stated that there was approximately one stream per mile of land in this area. If a person parachuted in this basin, he would most probably come to earth on

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land. Based on this fact, there is a good chance the money was carried to water rather than falling into it. If the money had not landed within ten feet of a stream, odds are almost zero that the money would make the stream.

[redacted] concluded that he had been [redacted] and his conclusions are based upon his experience in this field since that time.

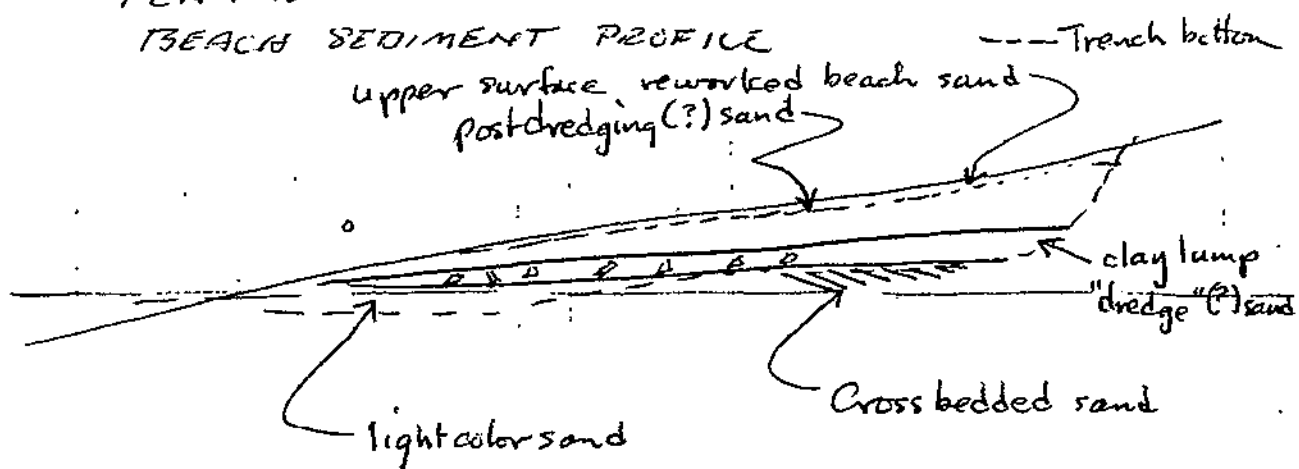
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[redacted] furnished a diagram of the beach sediment profile as it was found at Tena Bar. A xeroxed copy of this profile is attached.

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# TENA BAR

## BEACH SEDIMENT PROFILE



REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Portland (164-41)

February 25, 1980

FBI FILE NO. 164-2111

LAB. NO. 00214031 D/S LL VJ

Re: NORJAK

Specimens received February 14, 1980

Q58 Unknown amount of U.S. currency in deteriorated  
condition

Q59 Soil from submitted U. S. currency

## Result of examination:

The exact number of bills contained in the  
submitted currency could not be determined, because of  
the deteriorated condition of this currency.

Approximately 290 twenty dollar bills (\$5,800.00)  
are contained in the submitted currency.

The disposition of the submitted evidence and  
the results of the mineralogy and fingerprint examinations  
will be furnished separately.

DB Cooper-43248

164-41-1794 FBI/DOJ



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Portland (164-41)

February 25, 1980

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 164-2111

Re: NORJAK

LAB. NO. 00214031 D/S LL VJ

Examination requested by: Portland

Reference: Airtel dated February 13, 1980

Examination requested: Document - Mineralogy - Fingerprint

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
2 - Seattle (164-81)

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DB Cooper 43249

164-41-1795 FBI/DOJ

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 2/27/80

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK  
(OO: Seattle)

Re Portland memos of SA [REDACTED], 12/12/79; and  
1/21/80.

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On 2/12/80, [REDACTED], Eugene Water and  
Electric Board, 500 E. Fourth Avenue, Eugene, Oregon,  
advised that [REDACTED]  
have received utility service at [REDACTED]  
Eugene, since [REDACTED]. She advised [REDACTED] previously  
received utility service from [REDACTED] at  
[REDACTED], Eugene. When [REDACTED] first received  
utility service, they listed a previous address as Coquille,  
Oregon.

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A reference is listed as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Eugene, Oregon, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] occupation as of the time  
service was initiated was listed as [REDACTED].

On 2/12/80, physical observation of the  
residence at [REDACTED], Eugene, determined  
this to be a one story single family dwelling. An individual  
was observed in the driveway of this residence who is described  
as a white male, approximately [REDACTED], 6' tall,  
185 pounds, heavy build, with graying brown hair. This  
individual was probably [REDACTED].

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Investigation conducted concerning [REDACTED] to  
date has failed to develop information which would make  
him a logical suspect, although background information prior  
to 1975 has not been developed. Further investigation of  
[REDACTED] as a suspect in this matter is being left to the  
discretion of Case Agent.

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② - Portland

[REDACTED]

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

DB Cooper-43250

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 2/27/80

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 2/14/80, an anonymous caller provided the following information:

The person depicted in a recent newspaper photograph of the person known as D. B. COOPER resembles a man [REDACTED] in the Air Force from [REDACTED] at Fairchild Air Force Base. The caller advised that this person was known as LILLBURN COOPER and was the COIC in charge of the Dental Clinic. His hometown was somewhere in Missouri.

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H1 [Signature]

[Signature]



5010-110

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

DB Cooper 43251



February 25, 1980

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
745 Wall Street  
Bend, Oregon 97701

Re: D. B. Cooper

Dear Sir:

This letter is written in observation of recent events publicized in the newspapers regarding the discovery of money materials along the Columbia River in Southwestern Washington.

The newspaper accounts of this discovery did not indicate that any further investigation was being done regarding the geologic factors in which the materials were found. [redacted] it occurred to me that there may be abundant information available that might not ordinarily be pursued in this type of investigation. Accordingly, the following suggestions are offered for your consideration:

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1. Sediment trapped within the material and surrounding material may provide clues as to the source areas from which the sand and material were transported from.
2. The sediment material may provide a clue as to other likely areas along the Columbia where additional materials might be deposited.
3. Analysis of the local stratigraphy and sedimentology may give an indication of the date that the materials were deposited at the location of discovery.

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February 25, 1980

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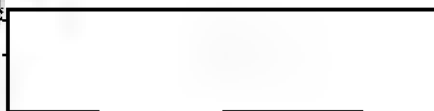
4. Analysis of the abrasion characteristics of the material itself, that is the money bundle, may suggest the distance traveled and thereby give additional clues as to the source from which the material was derived.

Significant information may still be available at the site. If any samples were taken of material before the local sediment was disturbed, those samples would be very useful in any analysis. Also, photographs may be useful in reconstructing the depositional circumstance in which the money materials were located. If not, the next time a discovery takes place, care should be taken to acquire the geologic information from the site before excavation takes place. In any case, investigation of the geologic circumstances of the money materials may yield the information as listed above.

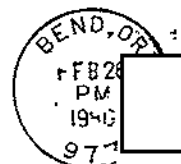


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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
745 Wall Street  
Bend, Oregon 97701

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DIRECTOR, FBI (164-211)  
(ATTN: PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE)

2/26/80

SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

NORJAK  
OO: Seattle

Enclosed for the Bureau is one packet of newspaper articles collected at Portland, Oregon.

The enclosed articles are typical of those appearing in most major newspapers in the State of Oregon following announcement of the location of a portion of the ransom received by the subject in this matter.

The media contacts on this matter by personnel of the Portland Division during the period 2/12-25/80 included one press conference, 26 television appearances, and a multitude of recorded radio appearances.

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- 1 - Seattle
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**REPORT  
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Portland (164-41)

February 29, 1980

FBI FILE NO. 164-2111

LAB. NO. 00214031 D/S LL VJ

Re: NORJAK

Specimens received February 14, 1980

## Result of examination:

A description of the evidence submitted with Portland communication dated February 13, 1980, was listed in Laboratory report dated February 25, 1980.

Specimen Q59 contains sand that exhibits characteristics which indicate it was subjected to erosional processes, i.e. moving water, and is consistent with having come from sediment which was deposited by the Columbia River.

Q59 is enclosed herewith. The disposition of Q58 will be furnished with the results of the requested fingerprint examination.

DB Cooper-43256

164-41-1800 FBI/DOJ



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Portland (164-41)

February 29, 1980

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 164-2111

LAB. NO. 00214031 D/S LL VJ

Re: NORJAK

Examination requested by: Portland

Reference: Airtel dated February 13, 1980

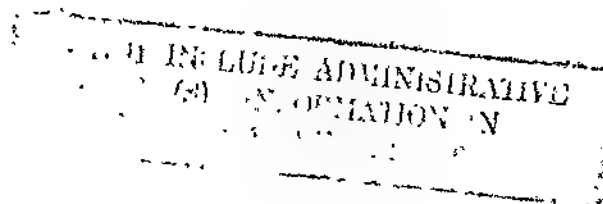
Examination requested: Document - Mineralogy - Fingerprint

Remarks:

[redacted] of the Oregon office of the  
United States Geological Survey was consulted and may  
be contacted at [redacted] concerning tributary flow  
into the Columbia River.

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Enclosures (3) (2 Lab report, Q59)  
2- letter (164-31)



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164-2111-1801

Portland, Oregon  
February 28, 1980

PRESS INQUIRY

Arthur G. Barger, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the State of Oregon, announced today the \$20 bills located on a sandy beach near Vancouver, Washington, on February 10, 1980, and verified as a portion of the ransom money given to the hijacker of a 727 jetliner at Seattle, Washington, on November 24, 1971, has been examined by the Laboratory Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The results of the examination place the amount recovered at approximately \$5800. As expected, no fingerprints were present on the bills. The examination reveals that the bills had, in fact, been immersed in water for an extended period and silt deposits among the bills indicate a probability that they were washed onto the site where they were found rather than having been dredged from the Columbia River.

1 - 164-41  
1 - [redacted]  
1 - SA [redacted]  
1 - SA HIMMELSBACH  
1 - Each Supv (5)  
1 - [redacted]  
1 - Switchboard  
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## TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype  
☐ Facsimile  
☒ Airtel

## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ ~~TOP SECRET~~  
☐ ~~SECRET~~  
☐ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
☐ ~~UNCLAS E F T O~~  
☐ UNCLAS

Date 2/29/80

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)  
 ATTN: FBI LABORATORY,  
 DOCUMENT SECTION, SA [REDACTED]  
 FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,  
 LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION,

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FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re Portland airtel to Bureau, 2/13/80; and Portland teletype to Bureau, 2/20/80.

Enclosed herewith for the Laboratory are four additional bills from the ransom in this matter obtained on 2/14/80, from [REDACTED] as was set forth in referenced teletype.

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LABORATORY. Is requested to conduct any examination possible with the four above mentioned additional bills and to include them with the rest of the recovered ransom.

Upon conclusion of the laboratory examination of the ransom in this matter, the evidence should be returned to Portland for preservation in connection with the prosecution presently before the U.S. District Court, Portland.

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DB Cooper 43259



Gulfport, Mississippi  
20 February 1980

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Portland, Oregon

ATTN: [REDACTED]  
RE: Sky Jacker - D. B. Cooper

Dear Sir:

I am [REDACTED] presently employed [REDACTED]

Recently there was a T.V. program about the sky jacking of Northwest Airlines, from Portland, Oregon to Seattle, Washington and subsequently leaving Seattle where the sky jacker jumped from the 727 somewhere over southwest Washington. A composite of the sky jacker was shown [REDACTED] and I looked at each other and spontaneously we both said "that's [REDACTED] [REDACTED]".

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] At that time, he was about [REDACTED] years old, brownish blonde hair, 5'8" tall and he weighed about 135 or 140 pounds. He was [REDACTED]

In [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[redacted] (this is strictly supposition).

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His age in 1971 would have been [redacted] - the composite picture shown on T.V. is a remarkable resemblance. Also the T.V. article stated that about 4 days prior to the sky jacking, a light A/C made daily low level flights over Lacenter, Wash. This of course, could very well be planning for the job. Also, [redacted] in Lacenter about the same age, and could very well meet the same physical description of the composite, shown on T.V. I cannot remember his name.

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It might be interesting to check [redacted] activities prior to and after the sky jacking. Of course, there may not be a connection and I really hope there isn't, as I have always considered [redacted] a friend. Please acknowledge this correspondence.

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## Parachute not that of missing skyjacker

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KELSO, Wash. — The FBI says it has ruled out any connection between a partly buried parachute found in a wooded area of southwest Washington and the 8-year-old disappearance of skyjacker D.B. Cooper.

The parachute was found by logger Darrell G. Ray and turned over to Cowlitz County sheriff's deputies Monday, after a friend told Ray the discovery might be a clue to the nation's only unsolved skyjacking.

But Bill Williams, an FBI spokesman in Portland, Ore., said Tuesday, "We have determined after examining the chute that it is not related to the case at all, even though it was found in the general area where Cooper left the plane."

A man using the name of Cooper boarded a Northwest Airlines jet headed from Portland to Seattle on Nov. 24, 1971. While airborne, he threatened to blow up the plane with a bomb he claimed to have in a briefcase unless he was given \$200,000.

After the plane landed in Seattle, Cooper freed the passengers and was given the money and four parachutes. He ordered the plane to fly to Reno, but opened the rear boarding ramp of the Boeing 727 somewhere en route — believed to be over southwest Washington — and bailed out.

No trace of Cooper or the money has been found.

Records indicated that Cooper was given white parachutes, Williams said, while the parachute found in the woods was orange and white.

Authorities have said they believe Cooper died somewhere in the woods after bailing out. More than 1,000 persons were considered and rejected as suspects in the case.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Miss. [redacted]



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Portland,  
Oregon

ATTN: [redacted]

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DB Cooper-43265

Post Office Box 709  
Portland, Oregon 97207

March 4, 1980

[redacted]  
[redacted], Mississippi

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Dear [redacted]:

Your letter of February 20, 1980, addressed to Special Agent [redacted] has been received, and you may be assured that this Bureau will conduct appropriate investigation in an effort to determine whether or not the individual you suggested as a possible suspect in the "D.B. Cooper matter" is, indeed, our hijacker.

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Your interest as a public spirited citizen and a fellow law enforcement officer are much appreciated. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM M. BAKER  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge

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3/6/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)  
BU FILE 164-2111

Re Portland airtel to the Bureau, 2/29/80.

Enclosed are the following:

1. Two copies each of two investigative inserts disclosing investigation conducted at Portland, Oregon, on 2/13/80 and 2/28/80.

2. Two copies of an FD-302 for [REDACTED]

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DB Cooper 43267	[REDACTED]	_____



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 3/6/80

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)

On 2/12/80, [REDACTED], citizens of Vancouver, Washington, came to the Portland Office of the FBI. They had in their possession a number of \$20 bills, which they stated had been found [REDACTED] on 2/10/80. The spot where the bills were found [REDACTED]

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The bills were confirmed to be a portion of the ransom given to the unknown subject in this matter.

All SACs were attending a conference at FBIHQ at the time.

In anticipation of major media interest in the matter, ASAC [REDACTED] and Media Relations Coordinator [REDACTED] conferred by telephone with SAC ARTHUR G. BARGER and Executive Assistant Director HOMER BOYNTON. In turn, SAC BARGER conferred with SAC PAUL MACK of Seattle. Additional conversation by ASAC [REDACTED] with ASAC [REDACTED], Seattle, resulted in plans for simultaneous press conferences (PC) to be held in both offices at 3:00 p.m.

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Announcement of the press conferences was made through the use of the Associated Press and United Press International at 12:10 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m., the assignment editors of the four Portland television stations, The Oregonian, The Oregon Journal, and the two wire services were advised by MRC [REDACTED] that the forthcoming story would develop on the Washington side of the Columbia and suggestions were made that they send crews to Vancouver prior to the rush hour traffic, which stalls traffic to that area beginning at about 2:30 p.m. each day. The TV stations also put helicopters on standby.

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SA [REDACTED] was assigned to handle the media [REDACTED]

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at the search site in Washington.

The ASAC, MRC, Assistant MRC, SCs, switchboard operators, and volunteers made ready to receive the telephone inquiries which were expected to follow the new conference.

[redacted], KOIN-TV, requested that he be allowed to set up a live remote unit in the Portland Office to feed the PC live to CBS Network Evening news, which would be in progress on the east coast. KOIN is located directly across the street from the building housing the Portland Office. Arrangements were made for the feed and the PC was a part of the network news in progress. NBC and ABC national network crews arrived on 2/13/80.

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The PC was very well attended and took place as scheduled at 3:00 p.m. The PC included ASAC [redacted], SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH, case agent, and [redacted]. During the PC, the location of the search site was revealed.

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Within a few minutes after the press conference television crews and other media representatives began arriving at the search site where they were escorted to the appropriate area and briefed.

The telephone inquiries began during the PC and continued into the late evening. Clerical employees utilized a press release in replying to the inquiries. SAs extended their comments beyond the press release and in many instances the conversations were broadcast live in Portland and distant cities by radio.

On 2/13/80, SA [redacted] was stationed at the search site to assist the media. Telephone inquiries continued at the Portland and Seattle offices.

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Telephonic inquiries have continued. These have originated with media outlets throughout the United States, and from outlets in Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan.

During the period 2/12-27/80, the following appearances were recorded by the designated personnel and should be so credited:

<u>PERSON</u>	<u>PRESENTATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ASAC	Press Conference	1
SA [redacted]	Radio Presentations	58
SA [redacted]	Radio Presentations	26
	TV Appearances	7
SA [redacted]	TV Appearances	4
SA HIMMELSBACH	Radio Presentations	73
	TV Appearances	15

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Numerous highly complimentary comments have been received from media representatives and the public as a result of the above efforts.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 3/4/80

[redacted],  
Vancouver, Washington, telephone [redacted], telephonically  
contacted the below listed agent on February 13, 1980, to  
furnish the following information:

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She was present with [redacted]  
[redacted], Washington,  
on Sunday afternoon, February 10, 1980, when the ransom money  
from the "D. B. Cooper" skyjacking case was found. She stated  
that the accounts she had read of the finding of the money in  
the newspapers were slightly inaccurate and she stated that the  
actual finding went as follows:

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[redacted]  
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[redacted] was asked whether all of the money that  
was found had been turned in, and she asked what if it were not.  
The importance of turning in all of the money was explained to  
her and she stated that if there were any further money, she  
would attempt to obtain it and turn it in.

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On February 14, 1980, [redacted] telephonically  
advised SA HIMMELSBACH that she desired to visit the FBI Office  
in Portland and bring in additional bills from the ransom. An  
appointment was made and subsequently [redacted] appeared at  
the Portland FBI Office and handed over an envelope containing  
four more of the bills bearing the following serial numbers:

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<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
G 03072381 B	1969
L 10919321 A	1969
L 55066857 A	1969
L 32987392 A	1969

Investigation on 2/13-14/80 at Portland, Oregon File # PD 164-41 - 1808

by SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH [redacted] Date dictated 2/19/80

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[redacted] stated that to the best of her knowledge, the four above additional bills were the only ransom money that had not previously been turned in to the FBI by the [redacted]. She reiterated at that time, her earlier account of the finding of the money [redacted]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 3/4/80

[redacted]  
Vancouver, Washington, appeared at the Portland FBI Office with [redacted] at which time she furnished the following information:

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[redacted] and other [redacted]  
[redacted] on Sunday afternoon, February 10, 1980, when their [redacted], found a parcel of decomposed \$20 bills [redacted] as he helped [redacted] [redacted] was sitting on a blanket not far away, and was casually observing when [redacted] discovered the money [redacted], all of the [redacted] [redacted] looked at it and handled it and they realized it was money, but they did not know where it had come from or what to do with it.

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[redacted] had learned from fellow employees at work about the possibility the money might have come from a skyjacking and so he called the Portland FBI Office and checked the serial numbers of some of the bills.

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Investigation on 2/12/80 at Portland, Oregon File # PD 164-41-1809  
by SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH: [redacted] Date dictated 2/19/80

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 3/4/80

At approximately 5:30 p.m., on February 11, 1980, [redacted], Vancouver, Washington, telephonically contacted the below listed agent at the Portland FBI Office to advise that he had called 30 minutes earlier and had spoken to a girl in the office and had given her the serial numbers to some \$20 bills that he had found, and asked her to check them to see if they were "hot". [redacted] was advised that the FBI is interested in the money and was asked if it was possible for him to bring the money into the office. He advised that he could and that he would appear at the Portland Office and bring the money at approximately 9:00 a.m. the following day, February 12, 1980.

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At approximately 9:45 a.m., February 12, 1980, [redacted] appeared at the Portland FBI Office with [redacted] at which time he brought with him a small plastic sandwich baggie containing some obviously decomposed \$20 Federal Reserve Notes. Immediate examination of the money disclosed that bills bearing the following serial numbers were contained within the parcel:

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<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
L 30706882 B	1963 A
I 02442844 A	1969
K 03654750 A	1969
I 02591811 A	1969
J 20209868 A	1963 A
L 55376548 B	1963 A
L 20301456 A	1969
L 51236377 B	1963 A
D 27112759 A	1969

[redacted] related that on Sunday afternoon, February 10, 1980, approximately 3:00 to 3:30 p.m., [redacted]

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He decided [redacted]

this point, [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]

Investigation on 2/11-12/80 at Portland, Oregon File # PD 164-41 - 810

SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH: [redacted]

2/19/80

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[redacted]. As he did so, [redacted]  
[redacted], which was a  
[redacted] picked  
up the money and they looked at it and determined that it had  
once been \$20 bills.

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The money was badly decomposed [redacted]  
[redacted]

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They had no idea at this time where the money had come from.

The following day, February 11, 1980, when [redacted] went  
to work he told his fellow employees at the U-Card Manufacturing  
Company at 63rd and Andresen, Vancouver, where he is a [redacted]  
about the incident. The fellow employees told him of the Northwest  
Airlines hijacking that occurred some years ago and is known as  
the "D. B. Cooper" case. He then called the Portland FBI Office.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 164-41 (P)  
FBI FILE NO. 164-2111  
LATENT CASE NO. A-45410

March 14, 1980

TO: SAC, Portland

RE: NORJAK

REFERENCE: Airtel 2-13-80  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Portland  
SPECIMENS: Approximately \$5,800.00 in U. S. currency, Q58

The Q specimen is further described in a separate Laboratory report.

No latent prints are present or were developed on the U. S. currency.

The currency is being returned under separate cover.

DB Cooper-43276

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164-41-1811

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Portland (164-41)

March 18, 1980

FBI FILE NO. 164-2111

LAB. NO. 00304057 D LL VJ

Re: NORJAK

Specimens received

February 3, 1980

Four United States Twenty Dollar Bills described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
Q60	G03072381B
Q61	L10919321A
Q62	L55066857A
Q63	L32987392A

## Result of examination:

Specimens Q60 through Q63 contained mineralogical material which was similar to the Q59 sand previously submitted.

Q60 through Q63 were photographed and will be returned with the results of the fingerprint examination.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Portland (164-41)

March 18, 1980

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 164-21H

LAB. NO. 00304057 D LL VJ

Re: NORJAK

Examination requested by:

Portland

Reference:

Airtel dated February 29, 1980

Examination requested:

Document -- Mineralogy -- Fingerprint

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
2 - Seattle (164-81) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: March 12, 1980

Re: NORJAK

TO: SAC, Portland (164-41) (P)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Invoice of Contents

Approximately \$5,800.00 in U. S. currency, Q58

FBI File # 164-2111

Case # A-45410

All items listed above are contained in this package. A detailed description of items will be found in Bureau communication dated March 14, 1980

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535



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Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Crown Plaza Building  
Portland, Oregon 97201

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DB Cooper-43279

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND

DATE: 3/24/1980

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: D.B. COOPER

On 3/22/1980, [REDACTED] telephones [REDACTED] (home) and [REDACTED] (work) advised that while he was vacationing in Hawaii [REDACTED] and during a boat cruise, in the Lahaina, Maui area, he saw an individual fitting the exact description of D.B. COOPER.

[REDACTED] advised that both he and [REDACTED] could not disprove that this individual is not D.B. COOPER. He described this individual as 5'10", [REDACTED] years old, receding hairline, very smooth complexion. This individual was on the "Coral Sea" cruise ship on [REDACTED] at approximately [REDACTED] a.m. He was by himself wearing light blue pants and T-shirt, and has a camera.

[REDACTED] advised that he took some pictures of this individual and observed license plate [REDACTED] (Hawaii). [REDACTED] stated that there was some indication that this vehicle might be a rental car.

[REDACTED] stated that he would be willing to assist the FBI on further details of his encounter and he would like to show the pictures he took of this individual to the FBI.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 164-41 (P)  
FBI FILE NO. 164-2111  
LATENT CASE NO. A-45410

March 21, 1980

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TO: SAC, Portland

RE: NORJAK

REFERENCE: Airtel 2/29/80  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Portland  
SPECIMENS: Four \$20.00 bills, Q60 through Q63

No latent prints of value are present or were developed on the enclosed Q specimens, which are further described in a separate Laboratory report.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Terrebonne, Oregon, furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] had in the past made out an application for employment with [redacted] who was doing business as [redacted] however, [redacted] advised that [redacted] although contacted several times by [redacted] never went to work for him.

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[redacted] further stated that [redacted] [redacted] also had some dealings with [redacted] however, [redacted] involvement with [redacted] was merely doing some art work for him. [redacted] stated that she was certain that neither [redacted] would have any information regarding any illegal activities which [redacted] was involved in.

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Investigation on 3/5/80 at Terrebonne, Oregon File # PD 164-41-1817  
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 3/6/80

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Date MARCH 3, 1980

FM PORTLAND (80-501) P

TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

SEATTLE (164-81) PRIORITY

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ATTN.: PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH (FORMER SA), APPEARANCE ON NBC AND ABC NETWORK  
 TELEVISION PROGRAMS; MEDIA RELATIONS.

RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH, WHO RETIRED AS A BUAGENT ON FEBRUARY 29,  
 1980, ADVISES HE HAS ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO APPEAR AT NEW YORK  
 CITY ON NBC NETWORK TELEVISION SHOW "TOMORROW," 1:00 A.M., MARCH  
 4, 1980; AND ABC SHOW "GOOD MORNING AMERICA," 8:45 A.M., MARCH 5,  
 1980. INTERVIEWS WILL DEAL WITH HIS CAREER OVERALL, AND HIS  
 ASSOCIATION WITH BUFILE 164-2111, ENTITLED "NORJAK (A); OO:SEATTLE."

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② [REDACTED]  
 (164-41)

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CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY  
6253 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 519  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
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25 March 1980

Special Agent-In-Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Portland, Oregon

SUBJECT: Skyjacking Incident, Alias D. B. Cooper

Dear Sir:

The California Institute of Criminology, located in Hollywood, California, proposes to do a case study of the skyjacking incident by alias D. B. Cooper.

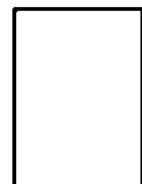
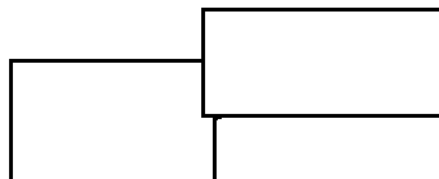
Through the institute's Scientific Detection Program being offered to prospective candidates, the case of alias D. B. Cooper, one of the most renoun cases of the twentieth century, has been selected.

Therefore, through the permission and cooperation of the Bureau, the institute proposes to conduct the following case study of:

1. Microanalysis, neutron activation and spectrographic voice identification.
2. Naco analysis, handwriting analysis, hypnosis of victims and voice stress analysis.
3. Data analysis techniques and statistical methods of related crimes occurred in the past.
4. Data collection sources.

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Hollywood, CA 90028  
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Due to the facts and some clues that may have been overlooked by the Bureau and other outside law enforcement agencies, the institute feels this study could prove to be a very vital asset toward solving this mystery crime.

Thank you for your attention. I am looking forward to a response soon.

Respectfully yours,

[Redacted]

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# CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY



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Hollywood, CA 90028



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File - Serial Charge Out  
FD-5 (Rev. 10-13-89)

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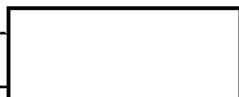
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To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

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TO FBI SEATTLE (164-81) ROUTINE

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NORJACK (A), OO: SEATTLE. (BUFILE: 164-2111)

ON APRIL 9, 1980, [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY),

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[REDACTED], BRECKENRIDGE, TEXAS, PHONE [REDACTED],  
ADVISED [REDACTED], (PROTECT IDENTITY),

HAD BEEN AT THE DEATH BED OF [REDACTED] AT THE PRESBYTERIAN  
HOSPITAL IN DALLAS WHEN HE MUMBLED (WHILE IN A DELIRIOUS STATE)

THAT [REDACTED] WAS D.B. COOPER.

[REDACTED] HAD  
BEEN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IS D.B. COOPER ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] SHE  
BASED THIS ON THE COMMENTS MADE TO [REDACTED] BEFORE

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HE DIED AND COMMENTS MADE BY HOWARD J. HUBBELL [REDACTED]  
OF THE [REDACTED] WHO NOW RESIDES IN BRECKENRIDGE.

HUBBELL WAS RECENTLY RELEASED FROM FEDERAL PRISON AFTER  
SERVING TWELVE YEARS OF A TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SENTENCE FOR BANK  
ROBBERY, (THE BANK WAS IN PUGET SOUND).

ALSO [REDACTED] WERE HIS TWO PARTNERS. ONE WAS  
[REDACTED]

COULD NOT REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE OTHER ROBBER.

[REDACTED] HAD INFORMED HUBBELL [REDACTED]  
THAT IF HE EVER COMMITTED A CRIME, HE WOULD PLAN IT SO AS NOT TO  
BE RECOGNIZED AND, AS HE WAS A [REDACTED], HE  
COULD AFFORD TO WAIT TO SPEND THE MONEY UNTIL AFTER THE INCIDENT  
HAD LONG BEEN FORGOTTEN.

HUBBELL SAID THE COMPOSITE OF D.B. COOPER IN THE NATIONAL  
ENQUIRER CLOSELY RESEMBLED THAT OF [REDACTED].

DALLAS AT DALLAS, TEXAS, REVIEW PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL RECORDS  
RE [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE IDENTIFYING DATA AND NAME AND  
ADDRESS OF [REDACTED].

AT BRECKENRIDGE, TEXAS, WILL INTERVIEW HOWARD J. HUBBELL, RE  
INFORMATION PROVIDED BY [REDACTED].

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ADDITIONAL LEADS WILL BE SET OUT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE  
OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
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Date 4/22/80

TO: [ ] SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)  
 FROM: [ ] SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (RUC) (3)  
 SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY  
 6253 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 519  
 Hollywood, California 90028

NORJAK  
 OO: Seattle

Re Portland airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/1/80.

For information of Portland, Los Angeles indices contain no reference to the California Institute of Criminology or [ ]. It was determined through observation that the California Institute of Criminology is located at the above address, which is in a run down section of the Los Angeles area. From observation of Suite 519, it does not appear to be a bonafide law enforcement agency and it appears to be a private school. Inquiry at the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) failed to locate anyone who has ever heard of the institute.

(2) Portland  
 1 - Seattle (164-81)  
 1 - Los Angeles

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RE:

D. B. Cooper Case

4-28-80

(Date)

☒ For information    ☐ Retention optional    ☐ For appropriate action    ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_.

Remarks:

A possible lead.

164-41-1823

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April 23, 1980

[redacted] USAF (Ret.)

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[redacted]  
Hicksville, New York [redacted]

Dear [redacted]:

Thank you for your letter of April 3rd. All of us in the FBI appreciate your thoughtfulness in bringing this information to our attention. Concerned citizens are a great asset to law enforcement and I again thank you for alerting us to the similarity of D. B. Cooper to your former military companion.

Sincerely yours,

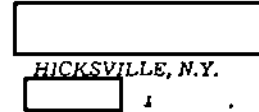
Roger S. Young  
Inspector in Charge  
Public Affairs Office

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Hicksville, NY [redacted]  
April 3, 1980

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.



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Gentlemen:

Just saw the CBS production of the first "skyjacking" by a "D. B. Cooper" in which an artist's drawing of D. B. Cooper was displayed.

The picture bears a very striking resemblance to a [redacted] who was stationed with me as an aircraft commander of a B-47 bomber in The First Bombardment Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho during the period [redacted]

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[redacted] His [redacted]  
[redacted] His age at that time was similar to mine -- approx [redacted] years old.

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I do not know his present whereabouts. But in [redacted] when I visited him at Mt Home AFB he seem depressed and was about to lose [redacted]

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Sincerely Yours

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[redacted]  
[redacted] US47 - Retired [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted at Miami by Special Agent [redacted]:

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On April 21, 1980, it was determined that a [redacted] lives at [redacted], telephone [redacted]. Records at the rental office did not reveal any information on [redacted] as to Social Security Account Number, Date of Birth, etc. Surveillance and spot checks of the area were negative for the person or any registered vehicle.

On April 21, 1980, it was determined that Ralph D. Hess, resides at 15645 SW 102nd Place, Miami, telephone 305-233-6253. By surveillance, on April 30, 1980, it was determined that Ralph D. Hess is employed at W. R. Thomas Junior High School, 13001 SW 26th Street, Miami.

On April 30, 1980, [redacted], Dade County Schools, 1450 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, made available Hess' employment application.

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Based on observation and application information, Hess is described as follows:

Name	Ralph Dent Hess
Date of birth	10/23/20, Laurel Point, West Virginia
Height	5'9" to 5'10"
Weight	185 to 190 pounds
Eyes	Gray (from record)
Hair	Hess wears glasses for reading
Skin	Dark brown, appears black
Social Security Account Number	232-22-5984
Marital Status	[redacted]
Dependants	[redacted]

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Note: [redacted] allegedly uses the name [redacted] No records on a [redacted] with date of birth of [redacted] located at Miami.

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Driver license  
Military

Florida [redacted]  
US Air Force [redacted]  
Service [redacted]  
Retired rank [redacted]

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Date 4/15/80

TO: : SAC, MIAMI (164-522)  
 FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)  
 SUBJECT: NORJAK (A);  
 OO: Seattle

Re: Miami airtel to San Francisco dated, 3/21/80.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
 Thomas J. Sullivan:

AT SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA

On April 1, 1980, [redacted] (protect identity) furnished photograph of Ralph D. Hess, whom he had previously stated closely resembled the subject of this matter.

Enclosed for both Seattle and Miami offices are two copies each of this photograph.

[redacted] stated that he still feels strongly that the composite of the subject of this matter strongly resembles Hess. He stated that though Hess is 60 years old, his last recollection of him would lead him to believe that the man looked only 40 years old. He pointed out that Hess flew in the Berlin Air Lift and in the Burma Theater during World War II having been a Major in the U.S. Air Force. He also was a parachute instructor at some air base in California during the war. He stated that [redacted] is [redacted] who is married to a [redacted] and resides at [redacted], El Cajon, California, telephone [redacted]. He further advised that his latest and he feels up-to-date address for Ralph Hess is 15642 Southwest 102 Place, Miami, Florida, telephone 305-233-6253 and that [redacted] has an address of [redacted], Miami, Florida, telephone [redacted].

2- Miami (Enc.2)  
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[redacted] also pointed out that Ralph Hess had been a school teacher in the Seattle, Washington area prior to his moving to Florida, but was expelled from this job for having hit a child. He considers Hess very erratic and undependable.

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: Will conduct neighborhood checks and record checks in an effort to locate Ralph Hess or [redacted] at the above mentioned addresses and endeavor to determine the occupations and present employment of these two individuals at this time.

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Further leads to interview suspect Ralph Hess if located or any further desired investigation is left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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Date 5/1/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (164-552) (P)  
 SUBJECT: NORJAK (A);  
 OO: SEATTLE

RE: RALPH D. HESS

Re San Francisco airtel to Miami, 4/15/80, and  
 report of SA [ ] dated 5/30/73.

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Enclosed for all receiving offices are two copies  
 of insert reflecting Miami investigation. Enclosed for  
 Portland and Jacksonville are one each copy of referenced airtel.

For information of Jacksonville and Portland, [ ]  
 [ ] (protect identity) recently saw a composite of  
 NORJAK suspect and advised that he believed Ralph D. Hess  
 to be the suspect.

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Investigation at Miami confirms that Ralph Dent  
 Hess, 15645 SW 102nd Place, (305-233-6253) is currently  
 employed as an Industrial Arts teacher in the Dade County (Miami)  
 School System. Hess has lived in Miami since 1975. Hess  
 employment application reveals that he was a graduate student  
 at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon during the time  
 of captioned skyjacking (11/24/71). His address between  
 6/73 and 3/75 was 759 S. First Street, Coos Bay, Oregon. It  
 is not clear whether Hess lived at this address at the time  
 of the skyjacking.

Among the references listed on Hess' employment  
 application are: 1. [ ] Albany High

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 2 - Jacksonville (164-109) (Enc. 3)  
 2 - San Francisco (164-220) (Enc. 2)  
 ② - Portland (164-41) (Enc. 3)  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 5/9/80

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka  
Dan Cooper,  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT -  
AIRCRAFT HIJACKING (A)  
(OO: Portland)

Re memo of SA [REDACTED] 1/31/80.

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Investigation at Silverton, Oregon, had determined that  
[REDACTED] has moved from Silverton and is now residing  
at [REDACTED], Portland, Oregon, [REDACTED].

## LEADS

### PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Locate and interview [REDACTED] b6  
regarding information he has concerning [REDACTED] who he has claimed b7C  
is the UNSUB using the alias DAN COOPER.

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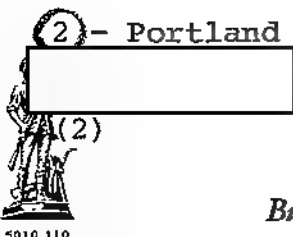
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Date 5/27/80

TO: [ ] DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)  
 FROM: [ ] SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (3) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT: NORJAK  
 OO: Seattle

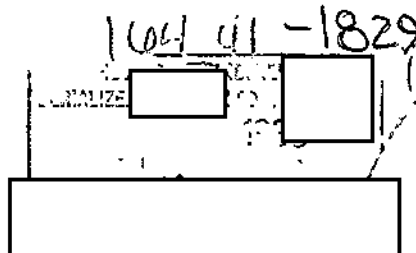
Sub-Reference: JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, aka

The following information is set forth for the information of the Bureau and receiving offices in the event [ ] should contact Seattle or Portland in the future:

On 5/22/80, Investigator [ ], Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, telephone number 974-3685, telephonically contacted SA Joseph C. Alston. [ ] stated that during the evening hours of 2/11/80, the residence of [ ] Encino, California, was set on fire. In connection with the fire on 2/11/80, arson investigators found gasoline cans in the residence and evidence that gasoline had been poured on the carpets throughout the residence. Because the house was tightly closed it only partially burned. A security guard was retained by [ ] to protect the residence. The following night the residence burned again and the security guard, who was chosen at random, admitted to setting the fire. He denied being initially involved.

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 2 - Seattle (164-81)  
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[redacted] is conducting an arson and insurance fraud investigation of [redacted], believing that [redacted] has, of course, [redacted] and has indicated the fire could be the result of his investigation into captioned matter. According to [redacted] has made no allegations against the Bureau.

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[redacted] additionally stated [redacted]  
[redacted]  
Further, [redacted] the residence. [redacted] explained that approximately [redacted]  
[redacted]  
The new buyer [redacted]  
[redacted] the premises.  
[redacted] also mentioned that [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] stated his investigation indicates [redacted]  
[redacted] which has been suspected in the past by interviewing agents.

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (164-1928) (P)  
SUBJECT: NORJACK (A)

OO: SEATTLE  
Bufile: 164-2111

Re Dallas teletype to Seattle and Portland, 4/10/80.

Enclosed for Seattle is the original of a letter from [redacted] (protect identity) relating his knowledge of a possible Norjack subject.

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Enclosed for Portland is a copy of the aforementioned letter.

On 5/22/80, [redacted] (protect identity) made available to SA [redacted] a letter setting forth the facts of a meeting he had with [redacted]. As [redacted] was, supposedly, on his deathbed at the Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas (he did not die and is now reportedly living somewhere in Arizona), Howard Hubble, a friend of [redacted] and a [redacted] had [redacted] visit [redacted] while he was in the hospital.

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2 - Portland (Enc. 1)  
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While [redacted] was in a delirious state, he told [redacted] that his [redacted] hijacked a plane and got away with \$200,000.

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[redacted] has declined a personal interview with Agents as he is in [redacted]

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[redacted] Hubble spends a great deal of his time at [redacted] and [redacted] does not wish Hubble to know that [redacted] has been in contact with the FBI as Hubble [redacted] and would most likely inform [redacted] of the FBI's interest in him.

Due to Hubble's [redacted] [redacted], he will not be interviewed until requested by the Seattle Division.

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TO DIRECTOR (164-2111) ROUTINE  
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ATTENTION: LEGAL ATTACHE UNIT AND LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION  
SECTION 1 OF 2  
NORJAK (A), (OO: SEATTLE)

ON JUNE 23, 1980, PARKERSBURG, WV, RA, RECEIVED ANONYMOUS  
TELEPHONE CALL FROM WHITE FEMALE, WHO STATED SHE HAD SEEN D.B.  
COOPER STORY IN PARKERSBURG NEWSPAPER AND THAT RICHARD ARMSTRONG WHO  
RESEMBLES ARTIST CONCEPTION OF COOPER, IS RESIDING AT BICKEL TRAILER  
COURT (BTC), PARKERSBURG, WV. SHE STATED ARMSTRONG IS SINGLE,  
UNEMPLOYED, POSSESSOR OF NEW CADILLAC AND HOUSE TRAILER.

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ON JUNE 24, 1980, COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH OF COOPER WAS SHOWN [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [REDACTED], WHO SAID ARMSTRONG RESEMBLED COOPER. [REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT ARMSTRONG HAD LIVED AT BTC FOR TWO WEEKS AND THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED AT DU PONT, WASHINGTON, WV, BY EDENFIELD ELECTRIC COMPANY (EEC). ON JUNE 24, 1980, [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [REDACTED], EEC, WAS SHOWN COMPOSITE AND HE, TOO, STATED THAT ARMSTRONG RESEMBLED COOPER. ON JUNE 24, 1980, [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [REDACTED], DU PONT, ADVISED HIS RECORDS INDICATE ARMSTRONG HAD BEEN OFF WORK SINCE MAY 19, 1980, BUT HAD APPARENTLY RETURNED TO EEC ON JUNE 23, 1980. REASONS FOR ARMSTRONG'S ABSENCE NOT INDICATED.

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ON JUNE 24, 1980, ARMSTRONG WAS INTERVIEWED AT HIS HOUSE TRAILER AND IMMEDIATELY THE INTERVIEWING SA SAW A SIMILARITY BETWEEN COOPER AND ARMSTRONG WITH THE ONLY DIFFERENCES BEING AGE AND HEIGHT. 1971 WITNESSES DESCRIBED COOPER AT 5'10" TO 6'0", WITH AGE IN MIDDLE FORTIES. ARMSTRONG IS 5'7", AND 43 YEARS OF AGE. IT WAS NOTED AT FIRST APPEARANCE THAT ARMSTRONG HAD A TATTOO ON HIS LEFT ARM WITH LETTERING "U.S. PARATROOPER". MOREOVER, ARMSTRONG INDICATED DURING THE INTERVIEW A KEEN INTEREST IN THE COOPER MATTER.



HE SAID HIS INTEREST RESULTED FROM EARLY NEWS REPORTS THAT COOPER MAY HAVE BEEN A PARATROOPER. ARMSTRONG ASKED POINTED QUESTIONS OF SA SUCH AS, HAD ANY LATENT PRINTS BEEN OBTAINED AND HE WAS INTERESTED TO KNOW IF COOPER HAD, IN FACT, PARACHUTED INSTEAD OF HIDING SOMEWHERE IN THE PLANE. ARMSTRONG ADMITTED THAT HE HAD MADE 30 JUMPS WHILE IN THE U.S. PARATROOPERS SOME OF WHICH WERE FROM PLANES FLYING 300 MILES PER HOUR. HE STATED THAT ALTITUDE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO PROBLEM FOR ANY SKILLED PARACHUTIST.

ARMSTRONG MUST BE CONSIDERED A SUSPECT, UNTIL HE IS ELIMINATED, BECAUSE OF HIS SIMILARITY TO THE COMPOSITE OF COOPER, HIS U.S. PARATROOPER SERVICE, HIS ADMITTED USE OF DYNAMITE AND HIS UNEMPLOYMENT AT THE TIME OF THE SKYJACKING, NOVEMBER 24, 1971.

ARREST RECORDS OF ARMSTRONG AT PARKERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, PARKERSBURG, ARE NEGATIVE.

ARMSTRONG PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING HIMSELF:

NAME RICHARD A. ARMSTRONG, SEX MALE, RACE WHITE, SDOB AUGUST 3, 1937, POB HIGH POINT, NC, RESIDENCE BICKEL TRAILER COURT, PARKERSBURG, TWO WEEKS, FORMER RESIDENCE NO. 5, LOT 31, EIGHTH AVE., PARKERSBURG, WV, HEIGHT 5'7", WEIGHT 165, EYES GRAY, GLASSES

YES, BUILD MEDIUM, HAIR DARK BROWN, THIN, RECEDING HAIRLINE, VOICE INTELLIGENT, SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT, COMPLEXION OLIVE, TATTOOS RIGHT FOREARM, HEART WITH MOM IN CENTER AND DAD UNDERNEATH, LEFT FOREARM, AIRBORNE EMBLEM WITH U.S. PARATROOPER UNDERNEATH, OCCUPATION ELECTRICIAN, EMPLOYMENT 1974-1980 EDENFIELD ELECTRIC COMPANY, WASHINGTON, WV, 1974(LATE) ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION (EWLU), NUMBER FIVE, BEAVER, PA, 1974(EARLY) EWLU, NUMBER 653, TAMPA, FL, 1973 EWLU, NUMBER THREE, NEW YORK CITY, NY, 1972 EWLU, VINEYARD, NJ, 1971 (EARLY) EWLU, NUMBER 24, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, 1971 (LATE) UNEMPLOYED, STAYED WITH MOTHER VERA P. ARMSTRONG, 1470 NASHVILLE HIGHWAY, THOMASVILLE, NC, 1967-1971, EWLU, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND, 1961-1967, U.S. ARMY, ENTRY ON DUTY JUNE 10, 1961, DATE OF DISCHARGE JUNE 30, 1967, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER US52523651, RANK PFC, POSITION 90 MILLIMETER GUNNER (TANK), NUMBER OF PARACHUTE JUMPS 30, 1957-1961 CONSTRUCTION WORKER AT ERNEST HARMON, AIR FORCE BASE, STEPHENVILLE, NEWFOUNDLAND. HE HAD U.S. GOVERNMENT LICENSE TO USE DYNAMITE. PASSPORT INFO: 1957 TO NEWFOUNDLAND, 1980 APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT TO SAUDI ARABIA, FATHER GEORGE ARMSTRONG, SR. (DECEASED), MOTHER VERA P. ARMSTRONG, 1470 NASHVILLE HIGHWAY, THOMASVILLE, NC, TELEPHONE 919-883-88,

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BROTHERS: [REDACTED]

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WARREN, OH, SISTERS: [REDACTED], LAKE MILTON, OH, [REDACTED],

TRINITY, NC, [REDACTED], TRINITY, NC,

[REDACTED], HIGH POINT, NC, [REDACTED] GREENSBORO,

, MARITAL STATUS DIVORCED (TWICE), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ELIZABETH, PA, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN,,

[REDACTED], PARKERSBURG, WV, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN, SSAN 247-52-1113, AUTOMOBILE 1977 CADILLAC,  
TWO DOOR HARD TOP, BROWN IN COLOR, WEST VIRGINIA DRIVERS LICENSE  
C320748, HEALTH: ARMSTRONG ADVISED HE HAD A DRINKING PROBLEM IN  
EARLY 1970'S, ARRESTS: TWO PUBLIC DISTURBANCE ARRESTS IN ANNAPOLIS,  
MARYLAND, HABITS SMOKES ONE AND HALF PACKS OF CIGARETTES A DAY.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED THAT LEGAT, OTTAWA, CONDUCT ARREST  
CHECKS AT ERNEST HARMON AIR FORCE BASE, STEPHENVILLE, NEWFOUNDLAND.

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ARMSTRONG OBTAINED PASSPORT TO GO TO NEWFOUNDLAND IN 1957. ALSO, SNE HAD A U.S. GOVERNMENT LICENSE TO HANDLE DYNAMITE.

WILL COMPARE MILITARY FINGERPRINTS OF ARMSTRONG WITH LATENT FINGERPRINTS IN THIS MATTER.

CHARLOTTE, AT HIGH POINT, NC. WILL CONDUCT ARREST CHCKS WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

AT THOMASVILLE, NC, WILL CONDUCT ARREST CHECKS WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

WILL INTERVIEW ARMSTRONG'S MOTHER, VERA P. ARMSTRONG, 1470 NASHVILLE HIGHWAY, RE SUBJECT'S 1971 UNEMPLOYMENT AND RESIDENCE WITH HER, SINCE NORJAK OCCURRED ON NOVEMBER 24, 1971, AND ARMSTRONG ADVISED THAT HE WAS AT HIS MOTHER'S HOME AT THAT TIME, ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A PHOTO OF SUBJECT AND FORWARD TO SEATTLE, PORTLAND AND PITTSBURGH.

PORTLAND, AT PORTLAND, OREGON. WILL PROVIDE PG WITH UPDATED INFORMATION IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

SEATTLE, AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. PROVIDE PG WITH UPDATED INFO IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

ST. LOUIS, AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. AT NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER, (CIVILIAN RECORDS) REVIEW FILE ON ARMSTRONG FOR HIS PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT AT U.S. AIR FORCE BASE, ERNEST HARMON,

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TO DIRECTOR (164-2111) ROUTINE

CHARLOTTE ROUTINE

PORTLAND ROUTINE

SEATTLE ROUTINE

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BALTIMORE ROUTINE

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STEPHENSVILLE, NEWFOUNDLAND, 1957-1961.

AT FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, 9700 PAGE BLVD., REVIEW U.S. ARMY RECORD OF ARMSTRONG, ASN 52523651 FOR PERIOD 1961-1967. OBTAIN PHOTO AND FORWARD TO SEATTLE, PORTLAND AND PITTSBURGH.

WASHINGTON FIELD, AT WASHINGTON, D.C. AT DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PASSPORT OFFICE, REVIEW FILES ON ARMSTRONG REGARDING HIS PASSPORT GRANTED TO NEWFOUNDLAND IN 1957. ALSO REVIEW FILE FOR HIS APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT TO SAUDI ARABIA DURING 1980. OBTAIN PHOTO AND FORWARD TO SEATTLE, PORTLAND AND PITTSBURGH.

BALTIMORE, AT ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND. CONDUCT ARREST CHECKS WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ARMSTRONG'S TWO ARRESTS IN EARLY 1970.

PITTSBURGH, AT PARKERSBURG, WV. WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE

[REDACTED] FOR INTERVIEW. ARMSTRONG SUGGESTED ON JUNE 24, 1980, THAT SHE HAD PROBABLY CONTACTED THE FBI IN THIS MATTER.

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ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.

NORJAK (A). OO: SEATTLE

RE PITTSBURGH TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, JUNE 26, 1980.

RE SUSPECT RICHARD ARMSTRONG:

MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS ON FILE AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI,  
DISCLOSED RICHARD ANDREW ARMSTRONG, ASN 52 523 651 (SSAN 247 52 1113),  
SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN U. S. ARMY (USA) FROM JULY 10, 1961, TO  
JULY 15, 1963. HONORABLY RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY AS PRIVATE FIRST  
CLASS DUE TO EXPIRATION OF TERM OF SERVICE. DISCHARGED FROM USA  
RESERVE JUNE 30, 1967.

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ARMSTRONG ATTENDED AIRBORNE SCHOOL IN DECEMBER, 1961. JUMP  
RECORD LISTS 15 PARACHUTE JUMPS.

ARMSTRONG BORN AUGUST 3, 1937, HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA. FBI  
NO. 883 560 D. PHOTOGRAPH NOT AVAILABLE.

COPIES OF PERTINENT ARMY RECORDS BEING FURNISHED SEATTLE BY  
MAIL.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF ARMSTRONG,  
FBI NO. 883 560 D, WITH LATENT FINGERPRINTS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED  
IN THIS MATTER, IF NOT ALREADY DONE.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

### IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 164-497 (7) (P)  
 FBI FILE NO. 164-2111  
 LATENT CASE NO. A-45410

July 3, 1980

To SAC, Los Angeles

RE NORJAK;

REFERENCE: Teletype 6/12/80  
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Los Angeles  
 SPECIMENS:

The previously reported unidentified latent fingerprints in this case are not the fingerprints of [REDACTED], FBI # [REDACTED]. No palm prints for [REDACTED] are contained in the Identification Division files.

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- 2 - Seattle (164-81)
- ① - Portland (164-41)

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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
OO: Seattle

DATE: 7/11/80

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For the information of Portland on 7/9/80, Deputy [redacted], Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office, Yreka, California, advised that he had received information from an individual who wished to have her identity protected regarding captioned matter. This individual's name is [redacted] [redacted] California, telephone number [redacted] advised [redacted] that approximately two years ago [redacted] who now resides at [redacted] Phoenix, Arizona, telephone number [redacted] told her that while working on a ranch near Hilt, California, on the Oregon border with an individual named [redacted] that [redacted] had gotten drunk and told [redacted] that he was D. B. Cooper. [redacted] went on to tell [redacted] that he had buried the money after the sky-jacking and was waiting to dig it up. He advised that he had moved to the Hilt, California, area due to the fact that there were too many policeman aware of the situation in Washington and Oregon.

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Subsequent to receiving the above information [redacted] was telephonically contacted on 7/9/80, and advised that again she wished to have her identity remain anonymous but that she had received the above information from [redacted] approximately two or three years ago and that [redacted] had again mentioned it approximately two or three months ago. [redacted] advised that she had seen [redacted] once or twice but that [redacted] had worked and lived with [redacted] and therefore would be extremely familiar with him. [redacted] advised that to the best of her recollection [redacted] was a white male, between the ages of 30 and

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1-Seattle (Info.) (164-81)  
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40, small, thin build, dark brown hippie type hair with a beard. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was arrested by the Oregon State Police for [redacted] near Callahan's Restaurant, near Ashland, Oregon, approximately two or three years ago, and therefore would have a record in the state of Oregon.

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The above information is being furnished to Portland for its evaluation. Any logical leads, such as an attempt to locate a record on [redacted] or a composite photograph being showed to [redacted] in Phoenix, Arizona, is being left up to the discretion of office of origin.

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**7/18/80**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)**  
**FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (164-222) (RUC)**  
**NORJAK (A)**  
**(OO: SEATTLE)**

**Re Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau, 6/25/80.**

Arrest checks were conducted at Greensboro, High Point, Thomasville, and Guilford County, N.C. regarding RICHARD A. ARMSTRONG and reflected two traffic violations occurring on 6/15/70 and 6/23/71.

On 7/17/80, [redacted] Thomasville, N.C., telephone number [redacted], was contacted and interviewed and advised that she is not sure of the exact dates that [redacted]. She stated that in [redacted], she, along with her husband, resided in Ruffsedale, Pa. and RICHARD resided [redacted]. She stated that she and her husband moved to Lake Milton, Ohio in October, [redacted] until she returned to High Point, N.C. in [redacted], following the death of her husband. She stated in [redacted], she purchased a house on [redacted], High Point, N.C. and following RICHARD's departure from Ruffsedale, Pa., [redacted]. However, [redacted] could not recall the exact dates that [redacted].

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[redacted] stated that she was not sure whether RICHARD was working while he resided [redacted], but he could have been working with Local 342 of an electrician's union with the job site being Sears Warehouse, Greensboro, N.C.

2-Bureau (164-2111)  
1-Pittsburgh (164-93) (Info)  
1-Portland (Info)  
1-Seattle (Info)  
1-Charlotte (164-222)

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[ ] stated that she was not trying to be deceptive with the FBI in her comments, but she just could not remember the exact dates of RICHARD's employments and his residences.

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[ ] advised that to her knowledge, [ ] RICHARD ARMSTRONG, had never been on the West Coast. She stated that [ ] had been in the military serving a hitch in the Army as a paratrooper, during a time period she thought to be 1962 through 1964. She added that she could not recall him ever parachuting since his leaving the Army.

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[ ] stated that upon his departure from Greensboro and High Point, N.C., RICHARD ARMSTRONG went to live in the Parkersburg, West Va. area and continues to reside there. [ ] apologetically stated again that she was unsure as to what year [ ] departed for Parkersburg, West Va.

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[ ] concluded by stating that she does not have a photograph of [ ] RICHARD A. ARMSTRONG, that she could furnish to the FBI.

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"ARMED AND DANGEROUS"

*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, PORTLAND

FROM : [REDACTED], DETROIT (164-115) RUC

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka  
D.B. Cooper  
AIRCRAFT PIRACY  
OO: Portland

DATE: 7/21/80

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Re Detroit letter to Mobile 4/14/80 and Mobile letter to Detroit 6/25/80.

On 7/11/80 [REDACTED], Flint, Michigan, was recontacted.

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[REDACTED] advised he did not know [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], that, as he had previously stated, he has not seen him nor heard of him since [REDACTED]. He further stated he could recall no one else who may have known him, nor could he recall anything other than what he had previously advised.

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Detroit is leaving any additional investigation concerning this aspect of this case to the discretion of the office of origin, since Detroit is unaware of possible pertinent information possessed by Portland. However, that office may wish to consider requesting a check of records at the parole office in Decatur, Alabama, as set out in referenced Mobile letter.

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FM WASHINGTON FIELD (164-169) (RUC)

TO DIRECTOR FBI (164-2111) ROUTINE

FBI CHARLOTTE ROUTINE

FBI PORTLAND ROUTINE

FBI SEATTLE ROUTINE

FBI ST. LOUIS ROUTINE

FBI BALTIMORE ROUTINE

FBI PITTSBURGH (164-93) ROUTINE

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NORJAK (A); (00:SEATTLE)

RE PITTSBURGH TELETYPE DATED JUNE 26, 1980.

ON JULY 22, 1980, SC SADIE L. DYE CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE OF THE CURRENT AND RETIRED FILES OF THE PASSPORT OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND WAS ADVISED NO RECORD WAS LOCATED CONCERNING RICHARD A. ARMSTRONG, BORN AUGUST 3, 1937, HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

AT CORVALLIS, OREGON

On June 11, 1980, [REDACTED] for the Campus Security Office of Oregon State University (OSU), made available the OSU annual yearbooks for the years 1971, 1972, 1973. A review of these yearbooks determined that there was no entry listed for RALPH DENT HESS. [REDACTED] advised it is extremely common for graduate students to have no information listed in the University annual yearbook.

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Information from the OSU Registrar's Office determined there is no photograph on file concerning RALPH DENT HESS. HESS attended OSU beginning with the summer term of 1971, and including the fall term, 1971, the winter term, 1972, and did not include the spring term of 1972. HESS received a Masters Degree in Industrial Education in June, 1972. During his enrollment at OSU, HESS listed a local address of 141 NW 29th Street, Corvallis, Oregon, with a home of record shown as 789 Hemlock Street, Apt. #4, Coos Bay, Oregon.

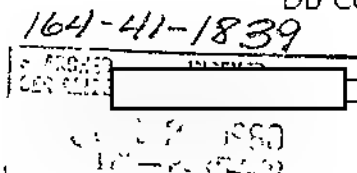
As a graduate student, HESS was not required to attend class regularly and it would not be possible to determine if HESS was in fact at Corvallis, Oregon, on any specific date, particularly, November 24, 1971. OSU class schedules are kept for only a period of five years, so it is not possible to determine the identity of specific classes taken by a student during 1971.

HESS received a Bachelor's Degree from West Virginia State University in 1966. He is a graduate of Fairmont High School in Fairmont, West Virginia. In addition, DENT attended Fairmont State College in Fairmont, West Virginia. He also attended the University of Missouri at College Park, Missouri, and the University of West Virginia at Morgantown, West Virginia. He attended the summer session of 1966 at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona.

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Individuals known by HESS as a reference include [REDACTED] who was [REDACTED] School District No. 9 in Coos Bay, Oregon, and [REDACTED] School District, Coos Bay, Oregon.

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FM ANCHORAGE (164-227) (RUC)

TO WFO PRIORITY VIA HQ

PORTLAND PRIORITY VIA HQ

SEATTLE PRIORITY VIA HQ

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UNSUB, AKA D. B. COOPER, CAA - HIJACKING (A), OO: PORTLAND.

RE WFO TELCALL TO ANCHORAGE, JULY 30, 1980.

WFO INFORMED AN UNSUB HAD APPLIED FOR PASSPORT AT WASHINGTON, D.C. WILL PICK UP PASSPORT FRIDAY AM, AUGUST 1, 1980, AND HE MAY BE SUBJECT OF THIS INVESTIGATION. UNSUB APPLIED FOR PASSPORT AS ROBERT NED BISHOP, BORN SEPT 11, 1922, AT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.

ALASKA WAS U. S. TERRITORY PRIOR TO 1959. TERRITORIAL BIRTH RECORDS AT ALASKA STATE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, JUNEAU, ALASKA, CONFIRMED ROBERT NED BISHOP, WHITE MALE, WAS BORN SEPT 11, 1922, AT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, TO FATHER WILLIAM NED BISHOP, WHITE

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MALE, AGE 27, BORN MISSOURI, OCCUPATION CONTRACTOR, AND TO MOTHER HILDUR SWANSON, WHITE FEMALE, AGE 27, BORN TACOMA, WASHINGTON, OCCUPATION HOUSEWIFE. NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT VITAL STATISTICS.

ALASKA JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM (AJIS) STATE COMPUTER HAD NO RECORD IN CRIMINAL FILES OR DRIVER'S LICENSE FILES ON ROBERT NED BISHOP. ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPT HAD NO RECORD OF BISHOP. ANCHORAGE CITY DIRECTORIES OF 1953, 1954, 1955, 1960, 1970, 1975, 1979, AND 1980 HAD NO RECORD OF ROBERT NED BISHOP. ANCHORAGE INDICES NEGATIVE ON BISHOP.

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Transmit attached by Facsimile - UNCLAS

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To: SAC, WFO (ATTN: SA [redacted]) Date: 7/30/80

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From: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

Time: Transmitted - 5:00 PM

Subject: NORJAK

Initials - [redacted]

☐ Fingerprint Photo    ☐ Fingerprint Record    ☐ Map    ☐ Newspaper clipping    ☐ Photograph☐ Artists Conception☒ Other Indictment for John Doe, aka  
D.B. Cooper

Special handling instructions:

DB Cooper-43332

Needed for trial morning of July 31, 1980.  
Please expedite.

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Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 164-115 (P) (EQD. C-4)  
FBI FILE NO. 164-2111  
LATENT CASE NO. 3-45410

September 3, 1980

TO: SAC, Detroit

RE: NORJAK

REFERENCE: Airtel 8-12-80  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Detroit  
SPECIMENS:

Seven latent fingerprints made by the tips, sides and lower joint areas of fingers have been compared, insofar as possible, with the fingerprints of Wilbert Luther Parker, FBI #563385C, but no identification was effected. The remaining latent fingerprints are not fingerprints of Parker. No palm prints are available in the Identification Division files for Parker.

The fingerprint record for Parker contains one U. S. Army fingerprint card bearing serial #AF27054519, with original entry into service dated 2-1-51 and one U. S. Air Force Reserve fingerprint card bearing serial #AF27054513 and dated 6-26-54.

A transcript of the fingerprint record of Parker is being furnished separately.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (RUC)

NORJAK (A)  
OO: Seattle  
Bufile 164-2111

Enclosed for Seattle are the following:

Original FD-302's for [redacted]

and  
[redacted]

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Two copies each of investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted at Portland, Oregon, on 2/20/80 and 6/11/80.

For information of Seattle, all currency recovered in this matter submitted to, processed and returned by the FBI Laboratory, will remain under appropriate custody of Portland Division until such time as deemed otherwise.

2 - Seattle (Enc.9)  
1 - Portland

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11/17/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, WFO (164-301) (P)

UNSUB, aka  
D. B. COOPER  
Crime aboard Aircraft;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(OO:WFO)

Re WFO airtel to Seattle dated October 10, 1980.

Enclosed for Seattle are three photographs. The first photograph is a color artist's conception of D. B. Cooper as described by the crew members aboard the hijacked airplane. Two additional black and white photographs are also enclosed of Robert Ned Bishop. The first photograph is an arrest photograph taken by the Sacramento, California Police Department on June 20, 1971. The second photograph is an altered photograph by the FBI Special Projects Unit that depicts Robert Ned Bishop with the same hair as that shown in the artist's conception. It is noted that Robert Ned Bishop has changed his features in the past to appear to have a dark and swarthy complexion. in addition to having darker hair, and has been known to wear sunglasses for the purpose of disguising himself further.

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AT SEATTLE DIVISION

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. Will locate the victim airline attendants and show the enclosed photograph of Robert Ned Bishop for possible identification and submit results to WFO for appropriate action.

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☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
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Date 2/11/81

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)

C, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

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 OO: SEATTLE

Reference WFO airtel to Seattle, dated November 17, 1980.

Enclosed for Portland are two copies of above reference.

Also enclosed are three photographs described in the first enclosure.

For the information of Portland, extensive investigation has been conducted by the Washington Field Office regarding Robert Ned Bishop as a suspect in the D. B. Cooper hijacking matter. In the above mentioned enclosures the Washington Field Office forwarded photographs of Bishop to the Seattle Division to be shown to [REDACTED].

Review of the Seattle files reflect that the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Contact with [REDACTED], Northwest Airlines, Seattle Tacoma International Airport, Seattle, Washington, reflect that [REDACTED] from the Northwest Airlines during [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had Northwest Airlines files additionally searched regarding [REDACTED] and the records reflect that she has [REDACTED] from Northwest Airlines; however, as of [REDACTED] State of Oregon.

The address of [REDACTED], Eugene, Oregon, [REDACTED].

LEADPORTLAND DIVISIONAT EUGENE, OREGON

- ② - Portland (Enc. [REDACTED])  
 2 - WFO (164A-301)  
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3/12/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
(OO: Seattle)

Re Seattle airtel to Portland, 2/11/81.

Enclosed for Seattle is one packet of four photographs.

Referenced airtel set out leads for enclosed photographs to be shown to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Eugene, Oregon.

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Portland notes that the photograph of suspect, ROBERT NED BISHOP, was not accompanied by appropriate throw-down photographs which would be required in the event that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], makes a positive identification. In view of the fact that the photograph of BISHOP has been altered by the special projects unit so as to depict BISHOP with the same hair as shown in the artist's conception of D.B. COOPER, Portland would have no way of independently coming up with additional photographs which are similar in appearance so that the photograph of BISHOP is not unique.

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Prior to the display of any witnesses in this matter, an appropriate photo spread should be developed to meet any legal challenge to any identifications which might result.

Portland has placed this case in an RUC status.

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- 2 - WFO (164A-301)
- ① - Portland

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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
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## CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 3/26/81

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)  
 FROM: [REDACTED] SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)  
 SUBJECT: NORJAK  
 OO: Seattle

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Re Seattle airtel to Portland, 2/11/81; and Portland airtel to Seattle, 3/12/81.

Enclosed for Portland is a photograph of Robert Ned Bishop (NORJAK suspect) along with six other photographs for use in a photo spread.

LEAD:PORTLAND DIVISION

At Eugene, Oregon

Will contact [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] at [REDACTED], and show her a photospread which includes Robert Ned Bishop in order to determine if Bishop is identical with unknown hijacker, aka Dan Cooper. Furnish results of contact to Seattle and WFO. Return photospread to Seattle. [REDACTED]

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2 - Portland (Enc. 7 [REDACTED])  
 2 - WFO (164-301)  
 2 - Seattle

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Re 09A  
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[redacted] was  
contented at the [redacted]  
[redacted] Eugene, Oregon. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the  
interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview and thereafter  
furnished the following information:

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[redacted]  
[redacted] which was hijacked by an  
individual known as DAN COOPER. [redacted] advised that at that time  
the [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that  
she recalls [redacted]

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[redacted] was shown a photographic spread consisting of  
seven photographs of white male individuals after which she advised  
that only [redacted] of them were even close in appearance to what she  
recalls of the hijacker. These photographs were Seattle Police  
Department photograph number [redacted]. After closely  
examining all seven photographs, [redacted] advised that Seattle Police  
Department photograph number [redacted] comes closest to what she recalls  
the hijacker as looking like. [redacted] pointed out that she could  
not identify of the photographs as being the hijacker, stating only  
that the above photograph was closest in appearance. [redacted] did  
not believe that any of the persons depicted were in fact the  
hijacker.

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Investigation on 4/24/81 at Eugene, Oregon File # BB 164A-91  
ED 164A-41-1847  
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 4/24/81

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4/24/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
(OO: Seattle)

Re Seattle airtel to Portland and WFO, 3/26/81.

Enclosed for Seattle is a photographic spread consisting of suspect ROBERT NED BISHOP and six other photographs, as had been previously furnished by the Seattle Division. Also enclosed for Seattle is the original and two copies of an FD-302 interview with [REDACTED]. Enclosed for WFO is one copy of FD-302 interview with [REDACTED].

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Seattle should note that in the event that it is necessary to recontact [REDACTED] in the future, she is currently a [REDACTED], Eugene, Oregon, telephone [REDACTED]. At the time of captioned hijacking [REDACTED]

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10/1/81

TO: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY  
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK  
CAA - HIJACKING (A)  
OO: Seattle  
Bufile: 164-2111

Re Las Vegas investigation at Stateline, Nevada,  
entitled [redacted], Bufile [redacted]

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During the recent arrest of [redacted],  
Et Al at Fresno, California, concurrent with investigation  
at Stateline, Nevada, in [redacted], the following information  
was obtained:

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[redacted] Harvey's Resort  
Hotel and Casino, Stateline, Nevada, telephone [redacted],  
advised SA Joseph A. Dushek of the Las Vegas Division, that  
near the end of August 1981, as a result of news coverage of  
the arrests of the [redacted] suspects, that an older man  
contacted Harvey's by long distance from Oklahoma and stated  
he believed that he knew the identity of D. B. Cooper.

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The caller identified himself to the Harvey's  
switchboard as [redacted], Norman,  
Oklahoma, telephone [redacted]. He indicated the recent  
press releases re [redacted] arrests "jarred" his memory and  
that a former neighbor [redacted], aka [redacted],  
who lived across the street of his old address of [redacted]  
Portland, Oregon, he believes is identical to the hijacker.

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- 2 - Seattle (164-81)
- 2 - [redacted]
- (1) [redacted] (Info)

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[ ] stated that [ ] bragged about the hijacking matter with his son [ ] during the time he resided across the street from them, exact date unrecalled. A witness to these statements and who possibly could provide additional information regarding [ ] is [ ] Last Name Unknown (LNU), who is employed at the Ruth Ashbrook Bakery, located on the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Tolman in Portland.

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[ ] advised he resided across the street from [ ] for 3 to 4 years until he moved to the Strongburg area, then subsequently moved to Texas and to Norman, Oklahoma. He does not know if [ ] still resides on [ ] in Portland.

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[ ] indicated that he did not contact the FBI previously because he did not associate [ ] with the hijacking until he read the newspaper accounts of the Harvey's bombing arrests at Fresno, California. He indicated [ ] served in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

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Las Vegas indices negative regarding [ ] (also searched as [ ] and/or [ ])

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OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION:

At Norman, Oklahoma:

Will interview [ ] (phonetic) [ ], telephone [ ], regarding specific details as to why he suspects his former Portland neighbor, [ ] as being the hijacker and further information regarding [ ]

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PORTLAND DIVISION:

At Portland, Oregon:

Will check indices regarding [ ] possibly residing in the [ ]

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Will interview [ ] LNU, employee of the Ruth Ashbrook Bakery, corner of Tolman Avenue and Milwaukee, to ascertain the accusation that [ ] is possibly identical to D. B. Cooper

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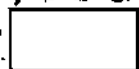
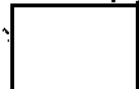
NORJACK; CAA-HIJACKING; OO: SEATTLE (164-81)

ON NOVEMBER 13, 1981, UNIVERSAL PICTURES, 100 UNIVERSAL CITY PLAZA, UNIVERSAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, WILL RELEASE TO THEATERS NATIONWIDE A MOTION PICTURE TITLED "THE PURSUIT OF D. B. COOPER." THE MOTION PICTURE IS BASED ON THE CAPTIONED CASE.

IN ITS ADVERTISING PROMOTIONS, UNIVERSAL PICTURES IS OFFERING A ONE MILLION DOLLAR REWARD FOR INFORMATION RESULTING IN THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF "D. B. COOPER" FOR AIRCRAFT PIKACY. THE ADVERTISING PROMOTIONS STATE IN PART. "IF YOU HAVE SUCH INFORMATION AS TO THE REAL D. B. COOPER, CONTACT YOUR NEAREST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. THIS OFFER EXPIRES MIDNIGHT, DECEMBER 1, 1981."

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UNIVERSAL PICTURES INITIATED THE REWARD OFFER ON ITS OWN VOLITION TO PROMOTE THE MOTION PICTURE AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT SHOULD "D. B. COOPER" BE IDENTIFIED.

EACH OFFICE IS INSTRUCTED TO FURNISH SEATTLE, THE OFFICE OF OPIGIN, ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OR CITIZENS. NO INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED. SEATTLE WILL DETERMINE VALIDITY OF THE INFORMATION AND ADVISE OFFICES OF NECESSARY INVESTIGATION.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO BEAR IN MIND WHEN CAPTIONED CRIME WAS COMMITTED ON NOVEMBER 11, 1971, UNSUB AKA D. B. COOPER WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING A WHITE MALE, MID-FORTIES, 5' 10" TO 6' 0", 170 POUNDS, OLIVE COMPLEXION, AND LATIN APPEARANCE.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/25/80

[redacted] (protect identity), [redacted]  
Garden City, Michigan, telephone number [redacted] was  
contacted at [redacted]

[redacted] He was interviewed in  
the presence of Captain [redacted] of the Southfield  
Police Department. He advised that he met a man named  
WILBERT PARKER approximately [redacted] ago. He stated that  
he sees PARKER quite frequently in the bars in and around  
Garden City, Michigan, and most particularly at [redacted]

[redacted] He advised that sometime [redacted]  
[redacted]

WILBERT PARKER, also known as Bill. The conversation got  
around to a newspaper article regarding "D.B. COOPER" who  
had escaped with approximately \$200,000.00 after an  
airplane hijacking out in the Seattle, Washington, Portland,  
Oregon, area. [redacted] BILL had been drinking a  
considerable amount and BILL said "You're less than three  
feet away from D.B. COOPER right now". He asked BILL what  
he meant and BILL produced a newspaper clipping regarding  
the hijacking which contained a sketch or artist's conception  
of "D.B. COOPER". [redacted] advised that the sketch  
bore a marked resemblance to BILL. At this point, artist's  
conceptions, in color, were shown to [redacted] He  
stated that the artist's conception in which the hijacker  
is depicted wearing sunglasses looks a great deal like  
BILL PARKER.

PARKER had frequently gotten into arguments with  
others in the bar regarding military operations. PARKER  
claimed to be with the United States Special Forces,  
claimed to be an Airborne Ranger, and claimed to be with  
the Green Berets. [redacted] advised that one day BILL  
came into the bar in full uniform and was wearing a Green  
Beret uniform. He did not notice the rank insignia on  
PARKER's uniform, but PARKER has frequently indicated that  
he is a "Warrant Officer" in the Green Berets. He is  
frequently called "The Colonel" around the bars.

Investigation on 8/15/80 at Southfield, Michigan

File # Detroit 164A-115

SAs [redacted] and  
ORLIN D. LUCKSTED / ODL: [redacted]

by [redacted] Date dictated 8/18/80

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Just prior to [REDACTED], he again ran into  
BILL in the bar at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Sometime during the summer of 1980, PARKER  
departed and was gone for a week or more. He indicated  
he was up at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin. PARKER alleges that  
he was involved in the controlling of the Detroit riots in  
1967.

PARKER dates various women, but one of the women  
is a woman [REDACTED] possibly called [REDACTED].  
He has indicated to [REDACTED] that he desires to buy all  
the Canadian money [REDACTED].

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PARKER has [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. He advised that PARKER lives  
at 7091 Hubbard Street, Garden City, Michigan. He further  
described PARKER as a white male, approximately 6'2" tall,  
200 in weight, with brown eyes and dark brown or black  
hair which is always neatly cut. He indicated that PARKER  
has always dressed neatly, always has a spit polish shine  
to his shoes or boots, and frequently wears paratrooper  
boots.

He stated that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[redacted]. There is also a large German shepherd dog at that house and numerous weapons, both handguns and shoulder weapons at that house.

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PARKER has talked in the past about "dough" that he has buried up north, that he belongs to a select group who are prepared for some kind of revolution, and that he has approximately 500,000 rounds of ammunition also buried. PARKER is very conversant regarding weapons particularly military weapons and frequently talks about the ballistics of these weapons. He makes his own ammunition at his house. [redacted] has on occasion seen him wear a field jacket which has "U.S. Military Special Forces" across the jacket. [redacted] advised that he believes PARKER is an electrician at the Hydromatic Transmission Plant at Willow Run.

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Sometime ago PARKER was in an accident in which he hit another car. [redacted]  
[redacted]

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In regard to the actual hijacking, he has only talked with PARKER about this on a few occasion and those only when PARKER brings it up, but PARKER has said that there were two pursuit jets and that he, PARKER, had the airliner drop down to a low altitude which was too low for these jets and have the airliner slow down to where the jets were constantly passing by the airliner and therefore, could not keep a close watch. PARKER has indicated that he was in the Air Force, and the Marine Corps and has on one occasion produced a multi-engine pilot's license. PARKER indicated that he [redacted] in Detroit, Michigan. [redacted] advised that he continues to see PARKER at the bars particularly at [redacted] and that he is usually there [redacted]

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[redacted] He advised that he will continue to listen to what PARKER has to say and determine if there is anything of value to the FBI in these conversations.

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He described PARKER as being "stone face" or a very cold and calculating individual. He does not feel that PARKER is mentally unbalanced and does not know what to make of PARKER's claim that he is D.B. COOPER. He indicated that if PARKER is in fact a paratrooper and was a parachute rigger as PARKER claims, he, [REDACTED], feels that some consideration must be given to PARKER in this case as he bears a strong resemblance to the individual depicted in the artist's conception.

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SAC, DETROIT (164A-115)

9-25-81

SA, [REDACTED]

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CCA

Re Memo of SA Orlin D. Lucksted dated 9-14-81.

On 9-25-81 [REDACTED] Hydromatic-GM, Willow Run, Michigan advised one W. L. PARKER, a white male American SSAN 299-26-5696 has been employed by Hydromatic since 10-7-68. [REDACTED] could not state whether or not Parker was present for work on the date of 11-24-71 as time cards are maintained only for a period of three (3) years. [REDACTED] noted his records reveal one 1976 photo of Parker should be on file at the Personnel Office. He advised he will make an attempt to obtain this photo and if available, should have it in his possession within ten(10) days.

LEAD

DETROIT AT WILLOW RUN, MICHIGAN

Will on or about 10-5-81 recontact [REDACTED] for the above mentioned photograph.

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[REDACTED] *LEAD*  
[REDACTED]

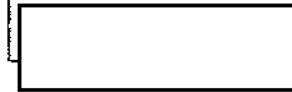
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*Lucksted*

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## memorandum

DATE. 9/25/81

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: SA DENNIS W. LANGKOSSUBJECT: NORJAK  
CAA

TO: SAC, DETROIT (164A-115)

Re memo of SA ORLIN D. LUCKSTED, 9/14/81.

On 9/4/81, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Michigan, made available certain information [REDACTED]  
WILBERT LUTHER PARKER.[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]PARKER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

There was no photo of Parker available, but he was described as follows: DOB 3/13/32; POB Ferndale, Mich.; 6'2½", 214 lbs., brown hair; SSAN 299-26-5696.

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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
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☐ Routine

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☐ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
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☐ UNCLAS

Date 11/5/81

TO : SAC, PORTLAND  
 FROM: SAC, DETROIT (164A-115) (RUC) (G-4)  
 NORJAK - 164-41 12-71  
 CAA  
 (OO: PORTLAND)

Re Detroit airtel to Portland, 8/12/80.

Enclosed for Portland are two copies of an FD-302 regarding interview of [redacted] four copies of a photograph of WILBERT L. PARKER; two copies of a memo of SA DENNIS W. LANGKOS, dated 9/25/81; and two copies of a memo of SA [redacted], dated 9/25/81.

It is noted that the photographs were obtained by SA RILEY from GM-Hydromatic Plant at Willow Run and were taken in 1976.

Repeated contacts with [redacted] indicate PARKER has never said any more about being "D.B. COOPER" since his first comments about one year ago.

All indications are that WILBERT L. PARKER is fully qualified in every aspect of parachute jumping, packing, etc.; however, since he is 6'2" tall while D.B. COOPER is described as only 5'10", any further leads are being left to the discretion of the OO.

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Approved: [redacted]

Transmitted

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TO DIRECTOR (164A-2111) (ROUTINE)  
WASHINGTON FIELD (ROUTINE)  
PORTLAND (ROUTINE)

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NOJAK (A), OO:PORTLAND

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, ON NOVEMBER 12, 1981,

[REDACTED], TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN,  
APPEARED AT THE TRAVERSE CITY RESIDENT AGENCY AT WHICH TIME  
SHE ADVISED THAT SHE HAS INFORMATION REGARDING CAPTIONED  
MATTER AND INVOLVING D. B. COOPER, THE NAMED USED BY SUSPECT  
IN INSTANT MATTER. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN  
BOTHERING HER FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND  
FINALLY DECIDED THAT IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION  
OF APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. [REDACTED] WENT ON TO STATE THAT  
SHE [REDACTED]

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AND THAT SHE NOW WORKS FOR A [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], MICHIGAN. SHE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED], IS  
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[REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], OHIO AND THAT SHE WORKED WITH AN  
INDIVIDUAL BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED]. SHE STATED THAT [REDACTED]  
FITS THE COMPOSITE DRAWING OF SUSPECT D.B. COOPER AND THAT  
HE IS REPORTEDLY A FORMER MARINE PARATROOPER. SHE STATED  
THAT IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL YEARS SINCE SHE HAS SEEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], HOWEVER, FEELS THAT THE FACT THAT HE WORKS FOR THE  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND IS A FORMER MARINE PARATROOPER  
AND LOOKS LIKE THE COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH SHE FELT THAT SHE  
SHOULD BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FBI. [REDACTED] STATED  
THAT [REDACTED] IS OF MEXICAN AMERICAN DESCENT AND IS APPROXIMATELY  
5'3" TALL WITH BROWN HAIR AND MEDIUM BUILD. SHE STATED THAT  
HE HAS A HIGH FOREHEAD AND/OR RECEIVING HAIRLINE.

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE [REDACTED]  
IS CURRENTLY WORKING, HOWEVER, SHE BELIEVES THAT HE IS STILL  
EMPLOYED BY THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION. SHE FURTHER  
ADVISED THAT SHE DOES NOT KNOW [REDACTED]

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NOR DOES SHE KNOW IF [ ] HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE.

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THAT [ ] IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED IN [ ]

[ ] WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.

[ ] STATED THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND DESIRE TO HAVE

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THEIR IDENTITY PROTECTED IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT [ ]

[ ]

AND MAY EXPERIENCE RIDICULE AND/OR RETALIATION IF [ ] IS

NOT IDENTIFIABLE WITH COOPER.

LEADS: WASHINGTON FIELD AT WASHINGTON, D.C.: WILL

CONTACT FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE

IF [ ] IS STILL EMPLOYED BY THAT AGENCY AND THEREAFTER,

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NORJAK (A), OO:PORTLAND

REFERENCE DETROIT TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, ET AL, NOVEMBER  
12, 1981.

FOR INFORMATION OF DETROIT, ON NOVEMBER 12, 1981, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN, APPEARED

AT THE TRAVERSE CITY RESIDENT AGENCY AT WHICH TIME SHE

ADVISED THAT SHE HAS INFORMATION REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER

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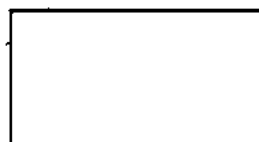
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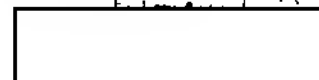
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[REDACTED] AND THAT SHE  
NOW WORKS FOR A [REDACTED], MICHIGAN.

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SHE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED], IS CURRENTLY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND THAT SHE WORKED WITH AN INDIVIDUAL BY THE NAME OF  
[REDACTED]. SHE STATED THAT [REDACTED] FITS THE COMPOSITE DRAWING  
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MARINE PARATROOPER. SHE STATED THAT IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL YEARS  
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THAT HE WORKS FOR THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND  
IS A FORMER MARINE PARATROOPER AND LOOKS LIKE THE COMPOSITE  
PHOTOGRAPH, SHE FELT THAT SHE SHOULD BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION  
OF THE FBI. [REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED] IS OF MEXICAN AMERICAN  
DECENT AND IS APPROXIMATELY 5'8" TALL WITH BROWN HAIR AND  
MEDIUM BUILD. SHE STATED THAT HE HAS A HIGH FOREHEAD AND/OR  
RECEIVING HAIRLINE.

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NOR DOES SHE KNOW IF [REDACTED] HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE.

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[REDACTED] WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.

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AND MAY EXPERIENCE RIDICULE AND/OR RETALIATION IF [REDACTED] IS  
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LEAD. CHICAGO DIVISION. AT DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS.  
WILL CONTACT PERSONNEL OFFICIALS, FAA, 2300 EAST DEVON STREET,  
PHONE 312-694-7417, IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED]  
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The Successful episode of D.B.Cooper.

How he pulled off the job and why the F.B.I. Haven,t Found him.

To Understand the D.B. Cooper case it is necessary build a p  
profile of his character,

First He had to be either extremely Stupid or very inteligent.

Only an extremely stupid person would attempt to parachute  
out of a plane at night, over wooded country without knowing  
his exact location, which would be unlikely with a stupid person.  
Yet that is exactly what many people, including the News  
Media and according, <sup>to</sup> them the F.B.I.

To further eliminate the Studidity issue, let us examine  
why I have eliminated that possibility, At, one time I was  
willing to accept the version as published in the papers, figuring  
that the F.B.I. knew details that were not published.

On Feb 10, 1981 when the \$5800.00 was found along  
the Columbia river it was practically proof positive that Cooper  
was still alive and had escaped with the money. It was reported  
at that time that there was a rubber band around the money when  
found but that it had broken off when the money was picked up.  
There is no way that a rubber band would have lasted over nin e  
years, even if burried. It is also unlikely that there would  
be just 5800 dollars in a bundle. there would have been an even  
amount for easy countability

Cooper apparently planted that money thereto further  
enhance the opinion that he had jumped in that area and was  
dead. he furthermore devised this scheme to make it easier  
for him to spend the money, here is what he planned. He planted  
this bundle in the sand on the windward side of a small dune.  
knowing that when a good wind came up it would uncover the sand  
on that side (in the meantime the ruber band would have been

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rotted away. Hopefully the wind would have peeled off these bills, one at a time and scattered them along the river bank, in the water and in the bushes. He hoped that fishermen would find the bills one at a time, and not realizing the source, put them in his pocket and later spend them. Figuring that if enough of the money showed up that the F.B.I. would stop looking, assuming that it was scattered all over, Coopers only mistake was that he miscalculated so the rubber band was still on, not enough sand had been blown away so the bundle was still intact.

Now lets go on the assumption that Cooper was very intelligent. Here is my Profile of his characteristics.

Cooper worked either for an Airline, the military or for Boeing. He was very well acquainted with the 727. He knew all the flight characteristics, that the rear door could be opened in flight, and how to do it. He also knew if his activities would affect the trim and how to compensate.

He was himself an accomplished pilot, he was an instrument pilot or at least had considerable instrument training, especially with OMNI Navigation. He had considerable experience flying over Oregon and Northern California. Knowing in detail the terrain and exact location of all populated areas, open large fields and all the OMNI (vortac) stations.

He was an experienced parachute jumper. Possibly in the military, a smoke jumper but more likely a private parachute club.

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Cooper had at least two accomplices. "A" got on the 727 earlier. Maybe at Portland of ~~agt~~ an earlier stop (if any). He was one of the first passengers to get on board so few if any would notice that he had a piece of Carry on luggage which he put under he seat. He was one of the last to get off at Seattle, so that in the confusion no one would notice that he had "Forgot" his luggage. In this luggage there was a pair of jump boots, a specially made jump suit with, pockets, hooks etc to carry Coopers equipment and a sport parachute. The chutes Cooper asked for were just decoys. one of which was thrown overboard in a wooded area somewhere along the line. On the first place he would not have trusted any chute that was furnished and in the second place a sport chute is much more manouverable than a standard chute. Also there was a portable OMNI receiver, a flashlight, an altimeter and maybe a small compass to use if he missed his target, also a small walkie talkie. Some of these items may have been in the case ~~when~~ Cooper displayed his supposed "Bomb"

Here is how they plan was carried out. After negotiation in Seattle Cooper told the pilot where he wanted to go, how high and how fast to fly and what route to take, such as V23, Cooper knew just where this route would lead. Soon ~~xxxx~~ after the plane was airborne he opened the rear door, let out an antenna for his OMNI receiver and started to monitor the flight, With his OMNI set he could tell exactly if the plane was on the correct path. By monitoring and keeping track of the time from one OMNI station to another he knew the exact speed. With the OMNI indicator he knew exactly when each Vortac station was passed over. If the plane was to one side or the other he could tell exactly how far by recording the time from one angle bearing to another.

He had previously picked out a landing site. It was an area a short distance past an OMNI station, where there was open land, no close houses or near any busy road, and where there was a road his accomplice "B" would be waiting. B, had a flashlight, a walkie talkie to match Coopers, a compass and a direction finder on his walkie talkie in case Cooper was off target, so they could get together quickly. He was spotted in the area directly below Coopers selected <sup>jumping</sup> landing site.

There are several places that fit Cooper requirements. One is on a course approximately 140 degrees from the Red Bluff Calif. Vortac Station. When he got past the previous station he turned to 115.2 megacycles and watched the Omni indicator. When the needle switched from "TO" to "FROM" he timed the time it would take the plane over the selected landing site. At exactly the precise second he jumped, and if all calculation were correct he would be directly over his accomplice. At this <sup>time</sup> he would signal on his walkie talkie. "B, would then give a flashlight signal and he could float down exactly on target. If He were off a ways he could direct his sport chute to the spot. If he was too far off they could still use the flashlight to keep track of each other. Still further away they could use the walkie talkie and "B's" direction finder. As each person was very familiar with this territory they would have no trouble spotting his location precisely.

Another important detail. Cooper was in no immediate need of money so he could afford to hide the money and wait.

Coopers reason for doing this. He had some imagined or real grievance with someone, probably an official in the Airline and wanted to get even. Maybe he just wanted to show how smart he was.

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Watsonville Ca [redacted]

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Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Portland Oreg

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a copy of my own analysis of the D.B. Cooper case.

I sent the Original to Universal Picturres in their search  
for Cooper Contest. Perhaps my profile of Coopers characteristics  
can be of some use to you in finding the rest of the money.

You can expect that he will be trying some other gimmick to make  
the money spendable.

Yours truly

[redacted]

Ph. [redacted]

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Portland, Oregon  
December 7, 1981

PRESS RELEASE

Robert S. Gast, II, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Oregon, made the following announcement today:

During the past three weeks, given the publicity associated with the 10th anniversary of the D. B. Cooper hijacking and the release of a movie relating to it, the FBI has received numerous telephone calls and visits from individuals purporting to be D. B. Cooper and claiming to have a portion of the ransom, or to have knowledge of the crime. Each contact has been evaluated and appropriate investigation conducted.

At 3 a.m., December <sup>3</sup>~~4~~, 1981, officers of the Portland Police Bureau contacted the Portland Office of the FBI and advised a clerical employee on duty, that a gentleman, claiming to be D. B. Cooper, was present at the police headquarters. The information furnished to the police made it appear highly unlikely that the individual had been involved in the hijacking. A member of the FBI staff then spoke to the man on the phone and asked him several key questions pertaining to the crime. The man's responses to these questions were of such a nature that it was apparent he had little or no firsthand knowledge of the event. His personal description also varied from that of the hijacker.

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The Portland Police Bureau officers were asked to photograph the individual and obtain his full description. A followup investigation was conducted by the FBI later on December <sup>31</sup> 4.

Based on an evaluation of the incident, it would appear that this is simply one more of the many hoaxes which have taken place over the years.



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## TRANSMIT VIA:

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## PRECEDENCE:

☒ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
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Date December 7, 1981

FM PORTLAND (164A-41)

TO DIRECTOR (164A-2111) IMMEDIATE *1149/A* ☐

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ATTENTION SECTION CHIEF WAYNE GILBERT, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE  
 DIVISION.

NORJAK

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO PORTLAND, DECEMBER 7, 1981, AND  
 PORTLAND CALL TO SUPERVISOR ☐ PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT,  
 DECEMBER 7, 1981.

THIS DATE AN ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE "WASHINGTON POST" TO THE  
 EFFECT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL CLAIMING TO BE D. B. COOPER HAD ATTEMPTED  
 TO TURN HIMSELF IN TO OFFICERS FROM THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU.  
 THE ARTICLE WENT ON TO SAY THAT FBI, PORTLAND, HAD NO ONE AVAILABLE  
 TO INTERVIEW THE MAN AND TOLD HIM TO CONTACT THE FBI LATER.

THIS DATE SAC ROBERT S. GAST II INTERVIEWED SECURITY PATROL  
 CLERK ☐ REGARDING THIS INCIDENT. ☐ ADVISED

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THAT ON DECEMBER 3, 1981, AT ABOUT THREE A.M., SHL RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN OFFICER OF THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU STATING THAT HE HAD D. B. COOPER IN HIS OFFICE, WISHING TO TURN HIMSELF IN. [ ] OBTAINED A DESCRIPTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND A STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICER THAT THE MAN COULD BE [ ] BUT HE WAS UNSURE. THE INDIVIDUAL HAD IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO THE POLICE OFFICER AS [ ].

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BASED UPON THE INFORMATION SHE DEVELOPED, [ ] ADVISED THAT SHE WAS NOT DISPATCHING AN AGENT TO INTERVIEW THE MAN, ENCOURAGED THE POLICE OFFICER TO TAKE A PHOTOGRAPH OF HIM, AND ASKED THAT THE MAN CONTACT THE FBI IN THE MORNING FOR ANY INFORMATION HE COULD FURNISH. SEVERAL MINUTES LATER THE INDIVIDUAL, IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS [ ] CALLED THE PORTLAND OFFICE OF THE FBI, REPEATLED WHAT HE HAD TOLD REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU, AND SAID THAT HE WAS TIRED [ ]. [ ] ASKED HIM SEVERAL QUESTIONS, MOST OF WHICH HE WOULD NOT ANSWER. HE SAID THAT [ ] AND WAS PLEASANT THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION

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THE UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS D. B.

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COOPER WAS DESCRIBED BY THE PORTLAND POLICE OFFICER AS SIX FEET TALL, APPROXIMATELY 210 LBS., WITH DARK EYES AND DARK HAIR, GRAYING AT THE TEMPLES. THE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN OF HIM BY THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU BEARS LITTLE RESEMBLANCE TO THE COMPOSITE SKETCH OF D. B. COOPER. INQUIRY OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT DATA SYSTEM AND PORTLAND INDICES FAILS TO REVEAL ANY INFORMATION ON [REDACTED]

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT DURING THE PAST THREE WEEKS THE PORTLAND DIVISION HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS CALLS FROM PERSONS CLAIMING TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SKYJACKING, HAVE THE MONEY, OR IN FACT BE D. B. COOPER. MUCH OF THIS INCREASED INTEREST HAS BEEN OCCASIONED BY THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SKYJACKING AND THE RELEASE OF A MOVIE ENTITLED, "IN SEARCH OF D. B. COOPER," WHICH OFFERED A ONE MILLION DOLLAR REWARD IF HE WOULD TURN HIMSELF IN. BASED UPON THE VOLUME OF THESE INQUIRIES AND THE FACT THAT EVERY ONE HAS PROVEN EITHER UNSUBSTANTIATED OR IN SEVERAL INSTANCES SOME TYPE OF HOAX, SAC, PORTLAND, ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PERSONNEL THAT CALLS ON THE COOPER CASE SHOULD BE CAREFULLY EVALUATED PRIOR TO DISPATCHING INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL. THIS WAS DONE TO AVOID AN UNNECESSARY

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WASTE OF MANPOWER ON THIS CASE. SAC, PORTLAND, BELIEVES THAT

ACTED PROPERLY IN THIS SITUATION AND RECOMMENDS NO  
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION.

SAC, PORTLAND, WILL CONDUCT A FURTHER INQUIRY OF THIS MATTER  
AND EXPEDITIOUSLY ADVISE HEADQUARTERS WITH ANY FURTHER RECOMMENDA-  
TIONS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

DATE: 12/8/81

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK  
(OO: Seattle)

Attached is a press release dated 12/7/81 and a draft of news story which appeared in the Washington Post on 12/5 or 12/6/81.

The attached Wasington Post article and similar articles around the U. S. was the result of an A P wire service story originating in Portland. It was erroneous in the extreme.

As a result, numerous inquiries were received by Portland Office personnel from various news agencies. In response to these inquiries, the press release of 12/7/81 was utilized.

The following contacts took place:

By SAC,

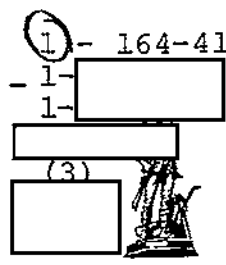
KOIN-TV  
WIND Radio, Chicago  
KYXI Radio, Portland

By SA [REDACTED]

WABC, Radio, Washington D.C.  
UPI  
AP  
KOHl, St. Helens  
KGW-TV ( No film)  
KGW - Radio, Portland  
KYTE Radio, Portland  
KYXI, Radio, Portland  
KBZY, Salem  
KEX Radio, Portland  
KATU-TV (No film)  
KXL Radio, Portland  
CBS Radio, New York City  
KOMO Radio, Seattle  
WBB , Chicago

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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In addition a number of Newspaper contacts also took place.

During the contact with KOIN-TV, it was determined that the individual in question at PPB also visited KOIN-TV [redacted]. His statements and lack of knowledge of the crime made it readily apparent to [redacted] that he was not the hijacker known as D. B. COOPER. [redacted] identified the man from a photo taken at the PPB on 12/3/81.

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Credit the SAC one TV appearance and two radio.

Credit SA [redacted] with 10 radio.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Portland, Oregon  
December 7, 1981

PRESS RELEASE

Robert S. Gast, II, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Oregon, made the following announcement today:

During the past three weeks, given the publicity associated with the 10th anniversary of the D. B. Cooper hijacking and the release of a movie relating to it, the FBI has received numerous telephone calls and visits from individuals purporting to be D. B. Cooper and claiming to have a portion of the ransom, or to have knowledge of the crime. Each contact has been evaluated and appropriate investigation conducted.

At 3 a.m., December <sup>3</sup>~~4~~, 1981, officers of the Portland Police Bureau contacted the Portland Office of the FBI and advised a clerical employee on duty, that a gentleman, claiming to be D. B. Cooper, was present at the police headquarters. The information furnished to the police made it appear highly unlikely that the individual had been involved in the hijacking. A member of the FBI staff then spoke to the man on the phone and asked him several key questions pertaining to the crime. The man's responses to these questions were of such a nature that it was apparent he had little or no firsthand knowledge of the event. His personal description also varied from that of the hijacker.

The Portland Police Bureau officers were asked to photograph the individual and obtain his full description. A followup investigation was conducted by the FBI later on December <sup>31</sup>4.

Based on an evaluation of the incident, it would appear that this is simply one more of the many hoaxes which have taken place over the years.



A man claiming to be skyjacker D. B. Cooper tried to turn himself in to police in Portland, Oregon, late last week but when Detective [redacted] telephoned the FBI, Agents told him to call back later, and the man wasn't heard from again police said.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] said the self-proclaimed Cooper, the man who ten years ago parachuted from a hijacked jet over Washington State with \$200,000 in ransom money. [redacted]  
[redacted] he reportedly told [redacted].

The detective said that FBI Agent [redacted] told him no one was available to interview the man, and that [redacted] should photograph "Cooper" and tell him to contact the FBI later.

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"We have been in direct contact with the Portland Police Department" FBI spokesman [redacted] said yesterday. "We have evaluated the information and are conducting the appropriate investigation."

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*News story which appeared in Washington Post on about  
12/5/81.*

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12/10/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164A-2111)  
ATTN: SECTION CHIEF WAYNE GILBERT, CRIMINAL  
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)

NORJAK

Re Portland teletype to Bureau, 12/7/81.

Referenced teletype set forth information relating to an incident on the morning of 12/3/81 in which an individual claiming to be "D. B. Cooper" presented himself at the Portland Police Bureau. An officer of the Portland Police Bureau subsequently contacted the Portland Office of the FBI and spoke to Security Patrol Clerk [redacted] requesting that an Agent be dispatched to interview this individual. Based upon information furnished to [redacted], she declined to dispatch an Agent and asked that the Police Bureau attempt to obtain a photograph and any other identifying data so this individual could be interviewed at a later date. This incident became the subject of an article in the 12/7/81 issue of the "Washington Post" and inaccurately identified [redacted] as a Special Agent and incorrectly stated that the FBI had no one available to interview this individual.

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As stated in referenced teletype, the Portland Office has received numerous phone calls from individuals claiming to be D. B. Cooper, claiming to have part of the ransom money, or stating that they have information as to D. B. Cooper's correct identity.

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Most of these calls have been occasioned by the well-publicized tenth anniversary of the skyjacking, concomitant with a motion picture release, "In Search of D. B. Cooper." The producers of this motion picture offered a \$1,000,000 reward if D. B. Cooper would turn himself in. All calls received on this incident have been totally without substantiation and/or hoaxes. Based upon this, SAC, Portland, has issued firm instructions to complaint and night duty personnel that they are to evaluate any call regarding the skyjacking carefully and not dispatch investigative personnel unless they believe there is good reason to do so. In this way, every effort is being made to avoid useless expenditure of valuable Agent time.

On the afternoon of 12/7/81, [redacted] of television station KOIN-TV, Portland, advised the Portland Office of the FBI that an individual identifying himself as D. B. Cooper visited the station [redacted]. He was questioned by station personnel and immediately ruled out as being Cooper, since he was unable to answer simple questions about the skyjacking. For example, he stated that he boarded the plane in Seattle and he was unable to give the correct amount of ransom requested and stated that the money was in \$100 bills. Station personnel were shown a photograph of the individual appearing at the Portland Police Bureau and positively identified him as the same individual who appeared at the station.

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#### CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Based upon information developed in this matter, it is obvious that this incident was the result of a hoax or from a mentally disturbed person. The action taken by the Security Patrol Clerk was appropriate and in line with SAC instructions, and it is recommended that no further action be taken in this matter.

x Airtel

12/11/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (RUC)  
RE: NORJAK  
OO: SE

Enclosed for SE and PD is one copy each of Ca. license

[redacted] On 12/8/81, [redacted] who requested her identity be protected, [redacted], Hayfork, Ca., telephonically advised as follows:

She is acquainted with one Richard Lloyd Ford who resided in the Hayfork area. He has advised her [redacted], that he is D. B. Cooper. She stated she never took this seriously until recently when she saw a picture of D. B. Cooper, and Ford did look quite similar to the drawing.

[redacted] stated that Ford has since moved to Grants Pass, Oregon. She said that he was in Hayfork around Thanksgiving with his leg in a cast.

Sacramento indices negative on [redacted] and Ford.

On 12/11/81, [redacted], Driver's License Section, Ca. DMV, made available a copy of Ca. license [redacted] issued to Richard Lloyd Ford, born 11/27/25. License was issued on 1/3/78, and expired on 11/27/81. Ford is described as a white male, 6'2", 185 lbs., blue eyes, and blond hair. In 1978 he listed his mailing address as P. O. Box 237, Hayfork, with residence listed as 1/2 mile west of Hyampom Road, Hayfork.

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## FBI not fooled for a minute

An FBI spokesman said Monday that the photo of a man who claimed to be D.B. Cooper in Portland last week has no resemblance to the composite drawing of the nation's first skyjacker.

A man who claimed he was Cooper went to the Portland Police Bureau's Central Precinct early Thursday and said he wanted to turn himself in. Since skyjacking is a federal crime, police called the FBI.

The FBI told the officer to take a picture of the man and have him report to the FBI on Friday. The FBI talked to the man then by phone.

He failed to appear.

During the telephone conversation, the FBI asked the man questions only the real D.B. Cooper could answer. The man could not answer some questions and gave false answers to others, according to Bill Williams, bureau spokesman.

"Based on an evaluation of the incident it would appear that this is simply one more of the numerous hoaxes which have taken place over the years," said Williams.

Cooper is the name used by a man who hijacked a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727 on a flight from Portland to Seattle on

Thanksgiving Eve 1971. He parachuted from the plane somewhere over Southwest Washington after first getting \$200,000 from the airline and letting passengers off in Seattle.

"During the past three weeks the publicity associated with the 10th anniversary of the hijacking and the release of a movie relating to it, the FBI has received numerous telephone calls and visits from individuals purporting to be D.B. Cooper, have a portion of the ransom or knowledge of the crime," said Williams. "Each contact has been evaluated and an appropriate investigation conducted."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Date 12/11/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)  
 FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (164A-244) (RUC)  
 NORJAK  
 CAA - HIJACKING (A)  
 OO: Seattle

Re Las Vegas airtel to Oklahoma City, 10/1/81.

After numerous negative attempts were made to contact [redacted] Norman, Oklahoma, [redacted] was contacted 12/7/81. She advised that [redacted] and anything he says should not be taken seriously. She did not feel that any of the information furnished by [redacted] in referenced airtel was valid.

On 12/7/81, Lt. [redacted] Norman Police Department, was contacted. [redacted] said that [redacted] is one of the [redacted] who thinks that he can not only furnish valuable information regarding all the major unsolved crimes in the U. S., but that he can solve same.

In view of the above, no contact will be made with [redacted].

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 2 - Portland (164-41)  
 1 - Oklahoma City

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12/21/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-91)  
FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (P)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK;  
(OO: Seattle)

Re Bureau teletype to all offices 11/10/81.

On 11/23/81, [redacted] Coquille, Oregon, residence [redacted], business telephone [redacted], telephonically contacted the Portland Office of the FBI regarding an individual he feels he is identical to "D.B. COOPER," and thereafter received consideration for the one million dollar reward offered by Universal Studios. [redacted] refused to divulge the name of the individual he feels is identical to captioned subject unless contacted personally by an agent. [redacted] based his belief that this individual is captioned subject based on an article which appeared in the North West Magazine of "The Oregonian" newspaper during November, 1980. [redacted] described this individual as a white male, [redacted] years of age at the time of the highjacking, 5'8" in height, 160 pounds, ruddy face, small ears, and having [redacted], sounding like "W.C. Fields." This individual also smoked Raleigh brand cigarettes.

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[redacted] advised he had not seen this individual for 15 years but knew of him when they were growing in the Myrtle Point, Oregon, area. Additionally, this individual moved to the State of Washington to reside with his grandmother and served as an Army helicopter pilot in Vietnam. Initially he looked like the composite drawing of the subject in captioned matter.

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On 11/30/81 [redacted] (Supra), furnished the name of the individual he feels is identical to the subject in

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captioned matter as [REDACTED]. No further description  
of [REDACTED] was furnished.

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The above information is furnished to Seattle  
for evaluation and all leads are left to the discretion of  
Seattle Office.

Investigation continuing.

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12/23/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Portland)

Re Detroit teletype to the Bureau, 11/13/81; and Detroit airtel to Portland, 11/5/81.

Enclosed for Seattle are two copies each of referenced communications and two copies of a photograph of WILBER L. PARKER.

Copies of enclosed communication and photograph of PARKER furnished to Seattle for evaluation.

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The following investigation was conducted By SA

AT JUNEAU, ALASKA

[redacted] (Protect) [redacted]  
Alaska, telephone number [redacted], appeared at the Juneau  
Resident Agency, FBI, Juneau, Alaska, and provided to SA  
[redacted], a list of names and addresses of indivi-  
duals [redacted] of Juneau, Alaska.  
Also, at that time [redacted] provided two portions of snapshots  
showing photographic likeness of [redacted].

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The following are the [redacted] names and addresses  
provided by [redacted]:

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1) [redacted]  
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2) [redacted]  
Woodland, Washington

3) [redacted]  
Brush Prairie, Washington

4) [redacted]  
Great Falls, Montana

5) [redacted]  
Vancouver, Washington

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Battleground, Washington

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Clatskanie, Oregon

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Lynden, Washington

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